

Prime Minister's letter

It will have to be Monday or after the conference. Which do you prefer? Monday is light at the moment. Keeping it free.

PRIME MINISTER

CBI

1. Edward James, who is Deputy Director-General of the CBI, as I was took me out to lunch yesterday.
2. He is a nice man, who had also been present at the Scottish CBI Dinner in Glasgow a week ago today, when I sat next to him.
3. The purpose of yesterday's lunch was for him to say that he and Terence Beckett were dismayed at the recent public dispute between the Government and the CBI and that Terence Beckett was anxious to "kiss and make-up".
4. He said that despite what had occurred Terence Beckett was a warm supporter of the Government's overall strategy and of you personally as Prime Minister.

Edward James acknowledged, of course, that there were differences on tactics, though not on strategy.

5. Terence Beckett would like to have half an hour's chat with you, for the purpose which I have described; I explained the enormous pressures on your time at the present time, though I am bound to say that if you could squeeze him in, I do think that that would be time well spent. He would come on his own.

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8th September 1982

cc Caroline Stephens

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Falklands parcels
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Note TOW Chancellor of the Exchequer's and S/S Industry's offices about his mtg.

Meeting was on 13/9

MUS 14/9.