

PRIME MINISTER

BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow, the first since the summer break. He disappears shortly for a visit to Africa and then the United Nations General Assembly.

I am not sure precisely what points he wishes to raise, but they probably include:

Iran/Iraq

The negotiations in Geneva are sticky and obviously going to last a long time. The most important task will be to keep the five Permanent Members of the Security Council together behind the Secretary-General. You have agreed that we should take the initiative in proposing a European effort to sweep mines. You have also approved the general strategy for our relations with Iran. We have to steer between moving too fast and thereby upsetting the Arabs, and not missing out altogether on the commercial opportunities.

Arab-Israel

It was clear from your talks with King Hussein that we are in for a long haul on Arab-Israel, and there is not a great deal to be done. You will need to encourage the new US President to make it a priority: but if Shamir is re-elected in Israel, the prospects are not bright.

South Africa

The developments over Angola/Namibia are significant and we should encourage the South Africans. Mandela's move to a private clinic could be the harbinger of his release. Otherwise the internal picture remains unpromising. We owe Chancellor Kohl a reply on the question of a joint envoy/message to President Botha. (I need to talk to

Teltschik but have not had time.)

United States

Vice-President Bush is doing well now. In all our dealings - and Europe's dealings - with the US over the next two months, we need to keep a close eye on the implications for Bush's election prospects.

Oman

You had a good talk with the Sultan, but it appears that he still has worries about relations lower down the line. Do we really have the right Ambassador?

Cambodia/Vietnam

During your visit to Thailand, you proposed that the Five Permanent Members of the Security Council should turn their attention to the Cambodia problem. You would like to see some follow-up by the FCO.

Cyprus

The talks between Vassiliou and Denktash are launched, but the difficult bits are still to come. Some very careful thought will need to be given to briefing for your next meeting with Vassiliou.

Poland

The immediate crisis appears to be over. Plans for your visit are going well, with the Poles now accepting that you should go to Gdansk and meet Walesa there. Some careful thought needs to be given to your speech in Poland.

Europe

Your speech at Bruges is intended to set out our broad

approach to the Community. The Foreign Secretary will be letting you have some comments: he is concerned that the present version is too forceful in its rejection of a United States of Europe.

Lord Cockfield

He wants to consult you about a further honour for Lord Cockfield to mark his retirement from the Commission. He is likely to suggest a CH.

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