

PRIME MINISTER

BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow afternoon, after your meeting with Pik Botha. The subjects he wants to raise are:

- South Africa He will be seeing Botha after you and will therefore be keen to have an account of how you got on. You ought also to discuss with him the problems which SIS have encountered in South Africa. Mercifully the South Africans seem keen to damp these down and avoid publicity: but it does make it harder for us to tackle them about some of their alleged, nefarious activities in London.
- Rushdie He will want to report on the discussions in the Islamic Council which is meeting at Foreign Minister level at present. By all accounts the Iranians are not making much headway there. Your message to a number of Moslem leaders has clearly had a very useful effect.
- Environment He wants to give you his thoughts on the next steps on the environment, both the follow up to the Ozone Layer Conference and to the meeting in The Hague.
- Commonwealth Secretary General You ought to have a further word with him about this following your talk with Brian Mulroney yesterday. You seemed to be tending to the view that extension of Sonny Ramphal for a further two or three years would be the least difficult outcome.
- Middle East You will want to give him your impressions on King Hussein's current position. In essence he is reluctant to be drawn back into negotiations, preferring

to stay comfortably in the pack. We are going to have to make him see that this is not realistic: the Israelis are not going to negotiate unless they can negotiate with Jordan as well as the Palestinians. The King's attempt to wash his hands of responsibility just won't work.

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