

PRIME MINISTER

BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You are to have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow afternoon, following the seminar on Global Climate Change. The following points need discussion:

- SNF. The Americans appear to have been admirably firm with Genscher and Stoltenberg but now to have passed the baton to you and your meeting with Kohl on Sunday. I think you will need to be fairly brutal with him in private. You will also want to spell out our own views very clearly in public and we must prepare some wording for this. It will be important not to antagonise German opinion so that it rallies behind Kohl. Our aim should rather be to make them feel uncomfortable about the way in which their Government is departing from established NATO strategy and breaking ranks with the two countries which have consistently been Germany's closest allies. We also have to bear in mind that on the question of negotiations on SNF, the Germans have the support of the great majority of NATO Members.
- ARMSCOR. Robin Renwick's feeling is that we cannot let South African behaviour over this pass without some action, probably in the form of expelling a number of the South African Mission here. The Foreign Secretary is likely to have a proposal on this tomorrow.
- South Africa. You may want to discuss your impressions of Mr. du Plessis, whom the Foreign Secretary will also have seen. We shall need to combine firmness over the ARMSCOR business with continued encouragement for sensible and reasonable

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people like du Plessis.

- UN Secretary-General. When you last discussed this subject, the Foreign Secretary was still reluctant to see us encourage someone to float Sonny Ramphal's candidacy. I think you should press him further on this; it would be much better to get it launched before President Babangida's State Visit in the second week of May (and preferably settled before Bob Lawke comes here in June). You might say that you intend to write to Brian Mulroney to suggest that he should take the initiative in canvassing support for Ramphal.

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