

PRIME MINISTER

BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow afternoon. He wants to raise the following points:

- Commonwealth Secretary General. He still hankers for us to be actively promoting Anyaoku. I think your hands-off attitude is best. We are going to get burned whichever candidate we support now. Its better to continue to sit on the fence. If the deadlock continues, it is still possible that a dark horse - Ramphal or someone else - will come through.
- Poland/Hungary. He will report on the discussions at the Foreign Affairs Council on food aid for Poland. It is rather a pity that Genscher seems to be able to give the impression that this was a German initiative.
- Argentina. You have approved his proposals for how we should respond to the indications from the Argentinians that they would like to normalise relations. But we shall need to move very cautiously, as they say different things on different occasions.
- Vietnamese Boat People. The first repatriations will take place later this week. They will not be forced in the sense that we shall not be putting handcuffed or resisting people on to the aircraft, although I doubt they are particularly pleased to be going back. Although President Bush was not unsympathetic when you raised the matter with him in Paris, I am told that Secretary Baker was a good deal less helpful and there is a risk that the Americans will come out with a critical statement.

- Afghanistan. He still wants us to take an initiative now for a peaceful solution or push the Pakistanis into taking one. You have been unwilling to do this and rightly so: we should not yet write off the prospects of the Resistance winning.

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