

PRIME MINISTER

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**BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY**

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow afternoon. I understand that he wants to raise the following points:

Vietnamese Boat People. This will have been taken by OD immediately before your bilateral and I am not sure there will be much more to say. But I think he wants to talk about possible political repercussions here if we have to resort to any degree of force to get people to return to Vietnam.

Party Conference. He wants to talk to you about the themes he intends to cover in his speech at the Party Conference.

CHOGM. He wants to discuss the handling of the various issues including, in particular, Southern Africa and the election of a new Secretary General. You will have to deal with these two issues yourself. But you might like to say that you intend to leave him to handle some of the other issues which will come up. Incidentally, he hopes to leave CHOGM twenty-four hours early - if you agree - to get back in time to prepare for his first Foreign Affairs Questions. This seems reasonable.

Soviet Union. He wants to mention his meeting with Mr Shevardnadze and how we take forward the issue of ceilings on Embassy staff.

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