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PRIME MINISTER

William Waldegrave is making good progress in his study of local authority finance and expects to be able to meet the deadline of reporting to E(LF) by Easter. William is worried about presenting what will be radical proposals cold to the committee. He would like to have a preliminary reaction from you and one or two key Ministers beforehand and he feels a tutorial would be helpful before getting down to the business of decision taking. In this he has learnt from the experience of MISC 111 which has launched straight into decisions without stopping to look at the whole picture.

To meet these points William has suggested a seminar at Chequers with you, DOE Ministers, Lord Rothschild, the Chancellor, Lord Whitelaw and the Party Chairman but with no Service Ministers. He would make a presentation of his ideas and seek a reaction. The afternoon of Sunday 31 March would be possible, either from 1700-2100 including supper or lunch followed by discussion until about 1800.

- ✓ i) Agree such a seminar
- ✓ ii) Agree suggested attendance
- ✓ iii) Any other names you wish to add
- ✓ iv) Afternoon or evening?

*See Hand in Wales*

*lunch plus*

This has implications for the Maazel concert on which a minute is attached.

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