

W. Address

PC spt before for telephone

PRIME MINISTER

agree

cc. Mr. Alison

W. L. J.

20.12

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As you know, I believe it would be useful to repeat with certain other colleagues the sort of talk that you had yesterday with Mr. Hurd. For this purpose I therefore have set aside provisionally five one hour slots around 6 p.m. in the diary in the first quarter of 1986.

If you agree, whom should you see?

*- Good chat
- Saying now a day or two
helped about
- Not an opportunity to skip by
though.*

I suggest:

- 15 January Mr. Brittan ✓ *to be invited*
- 22 January Mr. Biffen - 1, see him every Monday
- 5 February Mr. Baker ✓ *confirmed.*
- 26 February *Mr. Hurd *of 16/2.*
- 12 March Mr. Ridley ✓ *confirmed.*

*You suggested to him yesterday that you meet every, say, six weeks.

Are you content with these names?

Or would you like to suggest others? Ministers with whom you do not have regular bilaterals are listed at annex.

N.L.W.

(N.L. Wicks)

17 December 1985

Senior Ministers with whom you do not have regular bilaterals

Lord Hailsham	Mr. Fowler
Mr. Brittan	Mr. King
Mr. Hurd	Mr. Jopling
Sir Keith Joseph	Mr. Ridley
Mr. Walker	Mr. Baker
Mr. Heseltine	Mr. Clarke
Mr. Younger	Mr. MacGregor
Mr. Edwards	

Ministers with whom you have regular bilaterals

Lord Whitelaw
Sir Geoffrey Howe
Mr. Lawson
Mr. Tebbit
Lord Young
Mr. Wakeham

CF.

Pl arrange for me to be
rounded 2 days before
XXX. And 14 days
before Y

MR. WICKS

BILATERALS

I have arranged the following bilaterals as you requested:

20 January

X 1500 1530

Mr. Brittan

N.L.W.
24.12
(NB date change)
line?

5 February

X 1800

Mr. Baker

12 March

X 1800

Mr. Ridley

I said that you would be contacting the appropriate PPS a few days before the meeting to discuss an agenda. I stressed that the meetings did not provide an opportunity for Secretaries of State to slip decisions through where they were having difficulties with colleagues.

Y | I have, as you suggested, left a provisional slot in the diary for the Home Secretary on 26 February, but I have taken no steps to set this up.

MLA

NOTE FOR TOP OF FILE



10 DOWNING STREET

NB

Separate Files already exist
for the PM's meetings
with the following:

Foreign & Commonwealth
Secretary;

Chancellor of the Exchequer;

Home Secretary;

Regular Monday meetings
Lord President, etc;

RTA.

Lord Young
88/DOE

JB

4.1.86

MR. WICKS

CF
File please.

TREA
AL sat
Mw

BILATERALS

We are going through the forward diary, marking in the "stock elements" - questions, meeting with colleagues on Mondays etc. We need to consider our approach to bilaterals, in the light of your earlier minutes to the Prime Minister.

We shall of course continue to mark in weekly bilaterals with the Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary. We also mark in a weekly slot for the Chief Whip on Mondays, which is followed by a three-quarter hour meeting including the Chief Whip, Lord Privy Seal, Lord President and Chairman, followed by lunch for colleagues.

You will wish to refresh your memory by looking at the papers on the file, but I do not think we can justify allocating regular weekly slots to any other Ministers. We do, however, have the following Ministers in the diary on a reasonably regular basis: Home Secretary, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Secretary of State for the Environment, Secretary of State for Transport. I propose that we should identify one slot every week into which we would fit one of these Ministers, which would on average mean that they had a bilateral once a month.

Agree?

Lord Pres

MUSA

MARK ADDISON
22 January 1986

CAJABP

CW	weekly
LPS	Wed Th, CW, Chair
Ch	Monday
LPM	Monday
F/S	weekly
Ch/TA	weekly
M/Sec	6 weekly
S/Eng	?
S/Env	weekly
S/Env	6 weekly
S/TI	6 weekly
S/CP	6 weekly