

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR. JOPLING

Mr. Jopling has asked for half an hour with you to explain his concerns about the rural economy.

His main concern seems to be with ALURE. On this, a further meeting has been arranged for Thursday week, 5 February, to discuss whether a document should be published, to agree the details of the Woodlands Scheme and to agree the timing and manner of publication of the proposals on planning changes.

Mr. Jopling may also mention to you his concern about movement towards fundamental reform of the CAP including abolition of green rates and MCAs. He appears to fear that this is bound to be to the detriment of British farmers, though that of course ain't necessarily so: it depends how exchange rates and MCAs would otherwise have moved.

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*See also further wte below.*

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