

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR. RIDLEY

Mr. Ridley was very concerned to come to see you before
Sorensen's report is discussed at E(UP) on Thursday.

I suspect he wants to lobby you about the balance between DTI
and DOE. You will not want to commit yourself at this stage.
But the overriding need is for all the Government's
initiatives to be made to pull together. That may mean
compromise on the objectives of individual initiatives.

I am including here the relevant minutes together with
Mr. Ridley's paper on Housing Actions Trusts which shows how
narrowly their objectives are being interpreted.

Mr. Ridley is down to speak on the community charge at the
Party Conference and Mr. Clarke on inner cities. Mr. Ridley
must say nothing which would hint at friction between the DOE
and DTI.

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