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PRIME MINISTER

BILATERAL WITH MR. RIDLEY: 24 MAY

Mr. Ridley requested a meeting. His office tell me that the two main items he is likely to raise are:

- (i) Thyssen - taking stock of where we are.
- (ii) Housing. You have a meeting with the smaller ministerial group on Thursday, which will take as its main item the further work on Mr. Walker's flexi-ownership scheme (you saw one paper on this over the weekend). I think Mr. Ridley wants a further informal word on this before he firms up his own views. But my information is that, whereas Mr. Waldegrave is in favour of the Walker scheme, Mr. Ridley continues to have serious doubts - eg. about drawing people away from Right to Buy and drawing into the new scheme people who are not in a position prudently to take on the responsibilities of ownership.

*Paul*

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