

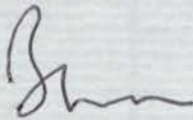
MR WHITMORE

CABINET

Just to remind you, we shall be under immense pressure after Cabinet to give some guidance or make a statement.

It is, of course, true that by then we shall be operating against the announcement of Mr Pym's visit to Washington which will imply a continuation of the negotiations and counter proposals. But a few lines of guidance or a statement which explains the purpose of the meeting and records any outcome that can be recorded would be invaluable. It is helpful to keep the story moving.

Can I leave it to you to raise with the Prime Minister? I will of course feed in the pressure arising from the lobby this afternoon.



B. INGHAM

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