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27 July 1983

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A. J. COLES

The Reverend M. A. Bourdeaux.

MR. FLESHER

CHEQUERS: MEETING WITH ACADEMIC EXPERTS ON

8 SEPTEMBER

The latest position is that I have firm acceptances from:-

Mr. Michael ~~C~~aser : St. Antony's College, Oxford
Mr. A.H. Brown : St. Antony's College, Oxford
Professor A. Nove : University of Glasgow
Rev Michael Bourdeaux : Keston College
Dr. Alec Pravda : University of Reading
Mr. C. Donnelly : R.M.A. Sandhurst

Hugh Thomas also wishes to come and should be included in the revised list of participants which you will wish to issue when it is final. He will not contribute a paper.

I have not been able to contact Mr. Schöp["] Flin who is away in France for the next three weeks. Since I have sent him a letter of invitation I do not think I can invite a substitute. Could you try to contact him in three weeks time. His home telephone number is 01-628-5230. He works at the School of Slavonic and Eastern European Studies, University of London. He will not of course be able to contribute a paper by 20 August. But one late paper will not matter.

Similarly I have not yet been able to contact Dr. Ron Amman of Birmingham University (021-472-1301) whom Michael Caser recommended as a replacement for Philip Hanson. He is abroad until 14 August. Could you also contact him (he has not received a letter of invitation).

/One point

One point I did not mention in my earlier minute is that Michael Caser should be asked in due course to let us have a list of the topics to be covered and his suggestions as to the order in which we should consider them. It will suffice if these are available when he lets us have the various academic papers. I am sure he has this in mind but you may like to check when you next speak to him.

Mr. Caser is aware of all the above except the immediately preceding paragraph.

A. J. C.

28 July, 1983

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Chequers Seminar

Dr. Amman will be back in the office on Monday, 15 August (telephone no. 021 472 1301).

He has not received a letter about the Seminar so I attach one for your signature).

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Identical letters
sent to people
on list below.

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With the Private Secretary's Compliments

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✓ MICHAEL KASER : ST. ANTHONY'S,
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