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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Young

BRITISH LEYLAND TRUCKS

I have had further discussions with the Private Offices of Mr. Tebbit and Mr. Younger. They have not been able to identify a time for a meeting. However, I think this can be resolved without a meeting. It has emerged that Mr. Younger is not seeking to put a veto on announcement of a decision on Bathgate as part of the decisions on the BL Corporate Plan needed to meet the timetable for Jaguar privatisation. His main purpose is to be sure that you are aware of the political consequences in Scotland of such a decision. The attached note from the Policy Unit indicates how long it is taking to deal with the Corporate Plan.

Agree that the Bathgate decision be announced in May?

The remaining parts of the BL Corporate Plan - Land Rover, Austin Morris and Unipart - will come up on the agenda of the 10 May meeting of E(A).

I ought to
see them both -
Especially with the
British Conference this week
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