

PRIME MINISTER

FOREIGN POLICY SEMINAR: NATO STRATEGY

The Ministry of Defence and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have suggested the following outside experts for the Seminar on NATO Strategy:-

Professor Michael Howard	
Professor Lawrence Freedman	Professor of War Studies, Kings College, London
Professor Sir Hermann Bondi	
Sir Arthur Hockaday	Former PUS in the Ministry of Defence and one of the drafters of the original NATO Flexible Response Document
Dr. Robert O'Neill	Director of the IISS

Since this seems rather few compared with the Conflict of Principles Seminar, you may care to add:

Admiral Eberle	Chatham House
Professor Peter Nailor	Professor of History, Royal Naval College, Greenwich

Sir Clive Rose

Former UK
Permanent Rep-
resentative to
NATO

Professor Laurence Martin
Lord Cameron

(Doubtful whether
he will be able to
attend but I am
sure he would
welcome the
invitation).

This means that Michael Howard and Admiral Eberle are on the list for both Seminars. It might be better to avoid this, inviting Admiral Eberle to the NATO Strategy Seminar and keeping Michael Howard for the Conflict of Principles Seminar. (Incidentally, it might be better to have Hugh Thomas for the Conflict of Principles Seminar only: he has not involved himself much in strategic questions).

The official participants would be Defence Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Mr. Stanley, Mr. Luce, Chief of the Defence Staff, Sir Clive Whitmore, Sir Antony Acland and Mr. Cartledge.

Agree list on this basis?

Yes mt

You will also wish to see the attached discussion document for the NATO Strategy Seminar prepared by the MOD.

The paper is not very stylish or thought-provoking. You might ask for further work to be done on it before it is circulated in September to non-official participants. Agree?

Yes
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Looking back at the last Foreign Policy Seminar with outside experts, I see that they were also invited to produce papers. This time there will only be the two discussion documents prepared by the FCO and MOD respectively. I think this is probably right, given the rather broad nature of the subjects. Nearer the time I will try to break each of the subjects down into five or six main themes or questions which you could use to organise discussion.

Agree not to commission further papers?

Yes not

C.D.P

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