

Prime Minister

Would you be content to see Ian McGregor on the terms set out in the attached letter which I have received from Ian Gow, subject, of course, to diary commitments?

It would be a particularly appropriate opportunity for you to express your concern about his health following the mining assault.

Terrance

Yes

ms

M MICHAEL ALISON  
28.2.84



IAN GOW, T.D., M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
WESTMINSTER SW1A 0AA

23rd February, 1984

*Ian Michael,*

Ian MacGregor

The Prime Minister discussed with him (and also with John Howard) during the last Parliament their enthusiasm for a Channel Tunnel.

The Prime Minister took the line that she was in no way opposed to a Channel Tunnel, but that there could not be a penny piece of "public" money for the project.

I spoke to Ian MacGregor on the telephone this morning - really in order to enquire how he was after the assault upon him yesterday; he said that he would like to have a 1/4 hour with the Prime Minister, on his own (apart from you) in order to bring her up to date with his thinking about the Channel Tunnel idea.

I think that the Prime Minister will be very happy to see Ian MacGregor, if only to express her good wishes to him for a speedy and complete recovery; he was in some pain when I spoke to him today.

Do you think that it would be possible, please, for you to arrange for Ian MacGregor to have ten minutes or 1/4 hour of the Prime Minister's time, without officials being present?

*Michael*

The Right Honourable Michael Alison, M.P.  
Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
London SW1



3/3.15 on Wed 14<sup>th</sup>

Andrew

Ian McGregor's secretary has just telephoned me.

Apparently he would now like to come to see the Prime Minister about more pressing issues than just the Channel Tunnel and was hoping for an earlier meeting than 29th March.

I explained that we had originally understood it was only about the Tunnel which he wanted to talk to the PM about and that the PM's diary was particularly overcrowded at present.

Ian McGregor would be very keen for an early opportunity to see the Prime Minister, and I said that I would pass this request on to the Private Secretary concerned. Do you think you or David could ring her this afternoon? She is called Sheila Mann and the telephone number is 235-2020.

Tessa  
7.3.84



10 DOWNING STREET

1) Mr Tumbull

2) CF

Meeting arranged for 3 pm  
on Wednesday 14 March.

DFm and DTP will brief.

Sops for Energy will arrive  
at 3.15 pm.

Dms

7/3



10 DOWNING STREET

Caroline

We spoke about the attached.

Could you let me have a time so that MA can ring Ian McGregor?

I will ask MA to explain to I McG that Andrew will be at the meeting - though no officials from any Department. OK?

Tessa

Tessa  
29.2.84

14.30-15.15.  
Fri 9 March  
let me know  
if it is  
confirmed as I  
have to tell  
Andrew T.

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28th February 1984

Thank you very much for your letter of 23rd February. I will have a word with the Prime Minister and will then be in touch with Ian McGregor direct.

MICHAEL ALISON

Ian Gow Esq TD MP