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Visit of Senor Oreja, Secretary General of the Council of Europe: 15-16 January

Senor Oreja was elected Secretary General with UK support and took office on 22 November. He is in the process of visiting capitals of member states both for talks and to make himself known, and will be in London on 15-16 January.

We are arranging a substantial programme for him which will include talks and dinner with the Foreign Secretary, a call on the Home Secretary and lunch at the House of Commons with the British Parliamentary delegation to the Council of Europe.

Senor Oreja has made a good start in Strasbourg. As a politician of stature (and Spanish Foreign Minister from 1976-80), he appears determined to make the Council of Europe a more effective and worthwhile body. He will be seen by most Heads of Government on his present introductory trip, including Mitterrand and Kohl. Sir Geoffrey therefore recommends that the Prime Minister should agree to see Oreja during his visit, possibly on 16 January. The Foreign Secretary hopes that she will agree to give him half an hour then.

P F Ricketts

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