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MR. WHITMORE

Meeting with Tory MPs - Tate & Lyle

Michael Thornton has a copy of Sir Trevor Jones' letter, attached, and has told us that he may want to discuss it with the Prime Minister.

In this folder is briefing from DOE and DOI on the four points in the Jones letter.

I think it would be unwise for the Prime Minister to mention that Tate & Lyle have offered a £1 million dowry for an enterprise scheme. If this got out before they have finalised a scheme with the DOI, there is a real risk that they would withdraw the offer.

I am also sending over the Prime Minister's file for the meeting with Jellicoe this afternoon and a copy of my record.

TPL

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