

PRIME MINISTER

Meeting with the Secretary of State for Energy
Tuesday, 26 March, 10.30 a.m.

You said that you would like to ask the Secretary of State to stay on at the end of the meeting on gas privatisation so that you could report to him your conversation with Mr. MacGregor.

I have already told Mr. Walker's office about:-

- (i) your proposed drinks with Woodrow Wyatt and others on Sunday evening;
- (ii) Mr. MacGregor's concern about the drafting of the Health and Safety Regulations;
- (iii) the effect of the transfer of the responsibility for mineral planning from the Department of Energy to DoE;
- (iv) our provisional thoughts about inviting Messrs. Link, Prendergast and, separately, Mr. Mackay to General Receptions and the three working wives + their husbands to Beating the Retreat.

I have also written to the Department of Energy about Bechtel (UK).

I have left it for you to tell Mr. Walker:

- (i) | Mr. MacGregor's views about the short-term future of the industry;
- (ii) | Mr. MacGregor's thoughts about dual-firing.

R.R.B.

25 March, 1985