

~~PRIME MINISTER~~

cc: Mr. Ingham

MEDIA MEETINGS

I asked you yesterday whether you would like to cut down attendance at the media meetings now that Lord Whitelaw is co-ordinating the Government and Party information effort. You said that you would like to continue seeing those in Conservative Central Office concerned with presentation once a week.

I have subsequently discussed this with Lord Whitelaw. He agrees that it would be useful for you to go on having meetings which Mr. Shrimpsley and Mr. Spicer attend. He himself will be holding similar <sup>(but small)</sup> meetings, probably every other Tuesday. \*

Of the two media meetings per week, Bernard Ingham attaches most importance to the Monday meeting. But he would also like to have a short meeting with you on Friday.

Agree that we should continue to have the "full cast" - Mr. Shrimpsley, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Howe, the Political Office, Mr. Mount, Mr. Ingham and myself - on Mondays? And that we should have a more restricted meeting - Mr. Ingham, Mr. Alison or Mr. Sherbourne, and myself or someone else from Private Office - on Fridays?

Yes

H.R.B.

*[Handwritten signature]*

\* Lord Whitelaw does not want himself to attend your media meetings. Mr. Ingham will keep him in touch with what is decided.

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