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PRIME MINISTERANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to any last minute hitches, I propose the following timetable for the announcement of the Chairman of the BBC and Mr. Fowler's health service package.

(i) BBC Chairman

12 noon tomorrow, Wednesday, by No.10 Press Notice in the usual way. The BBC (in the person of the Vice-Chairman) would be told a couple of hours beforehand in the strictest confidence.

(ii) Health Service

Thursday afternoon for Friday morning's papers. Mr. Fowler would handle press briefing. He does not want to make the announcement on Wednesday because the Labour Party would try to undermine the appointments in their social services debate on Thursday.

Bernard is content with this timing.

Perturbations in the money markets may suggest second thoughts but, subject to them, I would like your approval for these timings.

Content?

Yes

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