

NOTE FOR THE FILE

Proposed Visit to Sellafield

65 | I telephoned Mr. Allday to follow up the Prime Minister's letter of 16 November. I explained the timing considerations which would govern the final choice of date. Mr. Allday fully accepted - indeed he agreed - that a breathing space should be allowed between the final court hearing (whenever that may be) and the Prime Minister's visit. I told him that we were reserving Tuesday 6 August for the visit, on the assumption that the hearing would be held in March and that there would be no appeal. If this assumption proved unfounded, we would have to review the date.

I also telephoned John Neilson in the Secretary of State for Energy's office. I reported my conversation with Mr. Allday, and added the request that the Department should consider the feasibility of using the day to see the whole nuclear process. John Neilson will write to us about this. The provisional itinerary we discussed was Capenhurst/Heysham/Sellafield. I asked him to keep these plans within the Department for the time-being.

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