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Mr Channon
PRIME MINISTER

Could you pl invite Mr Baker to the meeting planned for after Cabinet on 13 Feb.

MEETING ON THE TERRITORIALS FORMULA

Both their offices (Tues) of the change of membership N.L.W.

You agreed that Mr Brittan should be a member of this group. 7.2.
This was, I believe, because he was a Northern MP rather than because of his responsibilities as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Do you want Mr Channon to be a member? He has no Northern constituency interest. An alternative might be Mr Baker who might be expected to take a firm line in view of the less favourable treatment meted out to the English regions.

Other members of the committee are:-

- Secretary of State for Scotland
- Secretary of State for Wales
- Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- Lord Privy Seal
- Chief Secretary, HM Treasury
- Chief Whip
- Lord President

Shall we invite Mr Baker instead of Mr Channon?

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Yes not

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Mr Baker is attending
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From the Principal Private Secretary

7 February 1986

MEETING ON THE TERRITORIALS FORMULA

The Prime Minister agreed that Mr. Brittan, then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, should be a member of this group. This was not so much because of his responsibility as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry but because he was a northern MP.

The new Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Mr. Channon does not represent a northern constituency, and the case therefore for his membership is much weaker.

In these circumstances the Prime Minister has agreed that the Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr. Baker, should be invited to the meetings of the group instead of Mr. Channon. I have explained to Mr. Channon's office the reason why their Minister is not being invited.

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