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Prime Minister's Conference Speech

As you asked in your note earlier today, I have commissioned from the main Departments short pieces which will enable the speech writing team to select any items worthy of following up in the process of drafting the Conference speech.

The material will be coming from FCO, MOD, NIO, Home Office, <sup>DES,</sup>/DHSS Scottish Office, and possibly the Welsh Office. In the case of the Department of Energy, the Secretary of State will be writing to the Prime Minister before the end of the week suggesting what might be said on the current departmental issues: but he is advised by Mr. Parkinson that Energy will almost certainly win a place on the agenda in the ballot, so that he will need to reply to a debate on the subject. Similarly, there is to be an agriculture debate, and although we shall receive an offering from Mr. Walker he is likely to suggest that agriculture topics can be kept out of the Prime Minister's speech.

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MR SCHOLAR

PRIME MINISTER'S CONFERENCE SPEECH

Could you ask the main Departments to let us have inputs for the Prime Minister's speech by Friday midday? All we really want is a fairly factual summary of activities in the past year; present situation, highlighting the main preoccupations of the moment; and anything they would like to say about the coming year.

The main Departments would be obviously FCO, MOD, DHSS, and DES. (It's not necessary to get similar inputs from Treasury, Industry, Employment, since so much of the speech is woven around their activities anyway.)

We're not looking for more than two or three pages of A4 in each case.

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\* I would particularly like some chapters & refer on Soviet build-up. Eg:

1 Nuclear-powered submarine every 6 weeks

1 SS 20 every week

1 Backfire bomber every ...

- Spoke F Richards FCO ✓
- N Evans MOD ✓
- P Shaw DES ✓
- M Tully DHSS
- M Hopkins NIO ✓
- J Halliday HO ✓
- D Edmonds DOE ✓
- J West D/EN [separate letter coming from Hansen] ✓
- G Steel MAFF ✓
- J Wilson SCOTLAND ✓
- WALES ✓