

cc Mr. Howe

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Defence and Oversea Policy Committee

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary strongly recommends that there should be an early meeting of OPD before he goes to Denmark with The Queen on 16 May. He considers it essential for the Committee to meet, primarily to discuss Rhodesia, before he meets Mr. Vance on 22 May.

All the members of OPD could attend a meeting on Monday 14 May at 1130, except the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Defence Secretary who will both be attending Ministerial meetings in Brussels. It is not essential in Departmental terms for either of these Ministers to be present (if necessary, Lord Strathcona could deputise for Mr. Pym).

Do you agree to an OPD meeting at 1130 on Monday 14 May?

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Yes pls.

We must have papers by Friday evening

10 May 1979

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