

PRIME MINISTER

Three Wise Men

A You asked to see Mr. Dell's earlier letter to you, before the Election, about a possible call by the Three Wise Men. I attach it below.

You will see from this earlier letter that Mr. Dell and his colleagues are coming to the end of a series of calls which they have paid on the Heads of State or Government of the Nine. It will certainly be helpful to them to call on the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer: but I think it really is essential that you should receive them as well - the United Kingdom would otherwise be the only EEC country in which they had not been given the opportunity for discussion at the highest level.

Could you agree to Monday 16 July at 1015?

*Agreed - but it will
be a waste of time unless
they have my specific matter
to discuss. ref. J.M.*

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