

PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON MR BUTLER'S MINUTE

I should prefer a more senior Minister as well as Alex (Fletcher). Is George Younger available? He will have to go on TV immediately to counter the STUC propaganda. I shall also need a major brief on Scottish industrial matters including productivity at Ravenscraig compared with other steel plants.

Note - I should  
prefer a more

Prime Minister

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as Mr. Younger

I imagine that you will not go on

want Hatty to turn down the attached request  
for the Scottish TUC.

T.V. immediately to

consider S.T.C.

I see two alternatives. One would

be to fit them in to the programme on  
Wednesday afternoon at the cost of leaving

London yet earlier, i.e. at about 1 a.m. having

lunch on the plane. He would bring forward

the television interviews and see the STUC at

the Holiday Inn before the CBI reception.

The other alternative would be to tell the

STUC that the Scottish programme is full but that  
you would be willing to see them later in London.  
They might then drop it, though I would be surprised.

The Scottish office do not feel strongly, but we  
have not yet had Mr. Younger's view. If you see the  
STUC on Wednesday, Mr. Fletcher would be available  
to support you. 2618 G.P.P.

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