



PRIME MINISTER



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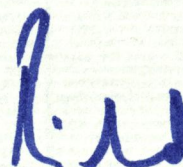
Sir Anthony Royle, as Chairman of the International Office, has invited M. Lecanuet, the Chairman of the UDF (Giscard's Party) to the Ditchley Meeting.

Sir Anthony thought you should be aware of this in case you wished to mention it on Tuesday or indeed if Giscard raised it with you.

The UDF have hitherto taken little part in the EDU remaining as observers since the inaugural meeting in 1978.

The Gaullists on the other hand, represented by Couve de Murville and Jean de Lipkowski, became full members. According to Lipkowski Chirac is likely to attend the Ditchely meeting as the leading RPR representative.

The Conservative Group's relations with Giscard's Party in the new European Parliament will of course be most important, particularly in view of Chirac's identification with the Prime Minister through his probable attendance of the Ditchley meeting.



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