13th October 1970. Ok.

PRIME MINISTER

PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION

You will remember that following your remarks at Sunningdale Mrs. Thatcher is anxious to pin you down to a discussion on this. Her Private Secretary rang me again today.

She is suggesting a country weekend dedicated to the subject at her house.

Would you consider suggesting that she should instead invite you to dinner with her Permanent Secretary and three or four senior officials? I doubt if it would be practicable to exclude her from the discussion, but you might perhaps like to bring in a number of non-officials to liven things up.