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Mr Addison

I really do not think that we should impose on the Prime Minister at the weekend to meet the exigencies of the Japanese Liberal

CHARLES POWELL ✓

The Treasury are pressing us to set aside some time in the diary for the Prime Minister to meet Mr Takashiti, the Japanese Finance Minister, when he is in London this weekend. He arrives at Heathrow at 0610 on Friday and leaves at 1900 on Sunday.

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The justification for this apparently is that the Prime Minister is seeing Mr Abe on Tuesday 21 January. Mr Takashiti and Mr Abe are the front runners to succeed Mr Nakasone, and it would look odd if the Prime Minister were to be seen greeting the one and not the other.

Even if the idea were a good one in principle, the practical difficulties are great. The Prime Minister is touring the Eastern Region on Friday and will be travelling direct to Chequers in the evening. She returns to No 10 on Sunday afternoon, but this may be too late for Mr Takashiti. It might just be possible if she were to leave Chequers straight after her lunch with Rupert Murdoch and Woodrow Wyatt.

Before we pursue this, and put it to the Prime Minister, I would be grateful for your advice.

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Inferred the PM will not be able to meet Mr. T.

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