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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR. KINNOCK

This is fixed for 7.30 p.m. on Monday in the House. It is at his request, to discuss Northern Ireland.

His office enquired whether Mr. King would be present. If so, Mr. Kinnock would feel obliged to ask to bring along Mr. Peter Archer. But he would prefer not to do this; because Mr. Archer would have to be fetched back from Northern Ireland; and because Mr. Kinnock did not really want a detailed discussion.

I see some advantage in restricting it to you and Mr. Kinnock. Otherwise Tom King will try to take on too much of the discussion; and if it becomes four-sided (with Mr. Archer) it risks turning into a more substantive/operational discussion than I suspect you really want with the Opposition. It would be best for Mr. King to have a separate meeting with Mr. Archer.

Agree to limit it to you and Mr. Kinnock?

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Yes

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