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cc. Mr. Flesher

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On the assumption that the Government win the Election, you will see from the attached papers that we will need a meeting early next week on the agenda for the talks with the Chinese. I am sure that the Prime Minister will want a small meeting, and will then report to Cabinet on Thursday if necessary. The meeting will have to be after the Foreign Secretary returns from the Foreign Affairs Council.

The Prime Minister mentioned OD, but probably she does not want a larger meeting than the one which discussed the letter of 10 March to the Chinese Premier. This would point to having the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence but it might be helpful if the Foreign Secretary were to bring Sir Antony Acland and/or a legal adviser.

This is as far as I got with the Foreign Office Private Office in your absence. Would you like to take it on from here?

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