

PRIME MINISTER

I have spoken to Sir Tom McCaffrey (from Mr. Foot's office), Mr. David Steel and Dr. David Owen about your readiness to see them on Tuesday.

McCaffrey said that he would not be able to talk to Michael Foot until later this evening. He thought it very likely that Michael Foot would want to consult one or two of his colleagues about your invitation. So we might not have an answer until tomorrow.

David Steel and David Owen accepted at once.

I told them that we would not let it be known publicly that you were seeing them until they had all decided to accept or decline your invitation.

Clive Whitmore

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