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*From the Private Secretary*

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ANGLO-ARGENTINE RELATIONS: IPU CONFERENCE

I have seen a copy of Bob Peirce's letter to you of 31 August, suggesting that the Speaker might receive Senator Eduardo Menem during the IPU Conference. The Prime Minister would be grateful if the Speaker were able to undertake this.

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PERSONALITY NOTES

MENEM, DR EDUARDO



Born 30 April 1938 in La Rioja where he has been a Justicialist Party (Peronist) Senator since 1983. Brother of President Carlos Menem.

Lecturer in law at La Rioja university during the 1970s and also President of the Provincial Lawyers' Association and Law Council. Acted for his brother Carlos when the latter was arrested and imprisoned by the former de facto military government. Has a long standing interest in foreign affairs and he exerts a major influence on his brother. Believed to be responsible for the apparent hard line towards relations with Britain expressed by Menem during the presidential election campaign. But he has since publicly defended Menem's initiative for rapprochement with Britain and in particular the 'umbrella' formula which he believes safeguards the Argentine claim to sovereignty over the Falklands. Provisional President of the Senate since May 1989 and Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee since July 1989.

Married with three children. He speaks good English.

