

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH SIR ANTONY ACLAND

You have a brief meeting with Antony tomorrow before he returns to Washington after his month's holiday. I think the main point you will want to make to him, apart from the general need to remain in the closest possible touch with American thinking, is the overriding importance of getting ourselves involved very early on in American thinking and planning about possible military options. The Americans will inevitably want to hold anything of this sort very close. But he could make clear to them that you are ready at any time to talk directly to the President about this on the secure line.

You will want to mention to Antony that you plan to be in New York for the World Children's Summit and the UNIFEM World Ceremony on 30 September/1 October, and have agreed in principle to see the President then. It will probably be a very restricted meeting, and he should not count on being present.

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