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cc: Mr Brooker
Mr Cooke o/r

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT: REPORT TO THE PRIME MINISTER

My eye happened to fall this morning on the Secretary of State's minute of 15 September to the Prime Minister (which I know was dispatched very much as you drafted it). It promises to "report further progress in good time for the meeting of NI now pencilled for 14 October".

2. Perhaps I could ask you to keep an eye on the need to get something forward to the Secretary of State in good time.

3. As it happens, and in conformity with the "receding crunch to syndrome", it is already possible to see that most options may still be up in the air by 14 October and that by then eyes may be focussed on the IGC. If that is so then it would need to be something of an interim report identifying various approaches for that position and so on. NI will also fall a few days before the internal strategy meeting scheduled for 18 October (if indeed that does occur then) and the debate on 22 October.

News to me

4. The usual bubbling stew!

(signed)

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