



MEMORANDUM
NOTE

9 Apr 85

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EQUALITY ISSUES

1. Further to our discussion of this morning, I discussed the question of handling the committee on equality issues with Al McLellen.
2. First, as I believe you are aware, the committee seems to change its mind very frequently about its schedule. Now, it appears that they plan to call departments before they go on the road.
3. It still seems to me that it is in our interest to get statements and rationale for our policies into the hands of the committee before it goes on the road. The committee is shown by public utterances to be unschooled in military affairs, and should have some background to guide their search for information from the public at large. I think we should assume that the committee is composed largely of conscientious people who would be more likely to disagree with us through ignorance than through anti-military attitudes.
4. If that is accepted, we should either send the policy statements by appropriate means to the committee, or invite whoever appears for the Department (you or MND) to tackle them, depending upon whether DND is called before or after the committee's road trip.
5. If MND does not wish to appear until after the road trip, I think he would have to make personal representation to the chair.

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As discussed, I basically agree with your proposal at para 3, but and this can be done administratively by Al McLellen. Concerning personal appearances before the Cte I shall urge MND to make known his views to the Chairman so we should also convey his intentions simultaneously to the Staff of the Cte.

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