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- A 30-minute briefing of the Prime Minister on AIDS prior to Cabinet. I take along Donald Acheson. It goes well. She asks good questions and shows a wide understanding of the disease and what should be done to prevent its spread. (Fn Although ...not faulted ) .A short Cabinet. Geoffrey Howe reports on the position in the United States, and the President's difficulties on his misconceived Iranian arms deal venture. There is also a short discussion about the position of the Austrian president, Waldheim, who is effectively being boycotted by the other nations of the world following the allegations of his alleged Nazi past. In the evening, I take off for Geneva to see the World Health Organization on AIDS.