

QUESTION:

The UK Government must have some idea as to what the role of the four powers will be?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

Of course we do, we have quite clear ideas, but I would like to expound them in the preparatory work, I am afraid, rather than publicly at this stage before the thing has even been set up.

QUESTION:

Any idea when it might happen, what sort of time frame we are looking at for a four power conference?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I think that the preparatory work could start as soon as the announcement is made, as soon as agreement is reached. I think the actual meetings, the definitive work, definitive meetings would need to await the elections on 18 March.

QUESTION:

On the question of German reunification, could you elucidate on your earlier comments about the position of Poland and Hungary, what exactly that is, and could you say whether the British Government might support any sort of vote in a general referendum by the German people in a united country as a means of self-determination where they may vote on remaining in NATO, the Warsaw Pact or as a neutral nation?

