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From the Principal Private Secretary

MR. SPARROW

CPRS Work Programme

This minute records the outcome of your conversation with the Prime Minister today about the CPRS work programme.

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You said that you would be delivering three pieces of work this week - the CPRS reports on unemployment and the black economy, and the paper on longer term public expenditure for the Cabinet on 9 September. The Prime Minister would like to read the reports on unemployment and the black economy during the coming weekend in Scotland. I should be grateful if you will provide the reports in their latest form by noon tomorrow (Wednesday) so that the Prime Minister can take them to Scotland with her.

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As regards future work, the Prime Minister said that she would be glad to arrange an informal discussion on strategy between selected Ministers and others on the one hand and yourself and those CPRS members whom you want to bring on the other. This is being arranged for the afternoon of Monday, 13 September: no papers are needed. The question of carrying forward work on the programmes of departments can then be considered in the light of that discussion.

On the other subjects mentioned in your minute of 5 August, the Prime Minister welcomed the suggestion that you should undertake a study of education and training, and suggested you should concentrate particularly on training to meet the requirements of future employment. She also welcomed the suggestion that the CPRS should do a project on the unions and also one on occupational pensions covering their impact on incentives to save and labour mobility and the effect of large institutional funds. She noted that the CPRS would be playing a part in the longer-term work of the family policy group.

You also suggested that the CPRS should do some work on patents and the protection of innovation, on which Sir Austin Side recently wrote to her. The Prime Minister welcomed this suggestion.

Finally, reference was made to the suggestion by Mr. Ralph Howell MP that there should be an inquiry into the growth of manpower in the National Health Service. The Prime Minister said that she was concerned with efficiency not only in the Health Service but also in the other public welfare services including education and the personal social services. She gave you a copy of the material provided by Mr. Howell, and it was agreed that the role which the CPRS could play in examining this should be considered following the Cabinet discussion on 9 September.

Particularly in view of the relevance of the last point for the briefing for the Cabinet discussion on 9 September, I am copying this minute to Sir Robert Armstrong.

E. E. R. BUTLER

31 August, 1982.

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