10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

MANAGEMENT IN CONFIDENCE

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT AT THE CENTRE

The Prime Minister discussed a number of matters with you this afternoon, and this minute records the conclusions.

CPRS

The Prime Minister decided that the CPRS should now be abolished. She asked you for further advice about how this should be achieved and announced, and in particular about whether Mr Sparrow would be able to return prematurely to Morgan Grenfell.

MPO

The Prime Minister decided that the MPO should be amalgamated with the Cabinet Office. This change has been announced this afternoon.

The Prime Minister also decided that Lord Gowrie should assume day to day responsibility for the functions currently exercised by the MPO, combining this responsibility with the post of Minister of State, Privy Council Office and Minister for the Arts. The Office of Arts and Libraries is to be attached to the Privy Council Office, instead of the Department of Education and Science.

The Rayner Unit

The Prime Minister has decided that the Rayner Unit should become responsible to her, through an adviser on efficiency to be appointed. She is minded to appoint Sir Frank Cooper to this post. The Prime Minister would be grateful for your advice on how this might be brought about, and on the form and timing of the announcement.

F.E.R.B.

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