

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO DHSS, WEDNESDAY 29 AUGUST

I attach two folders. The first contains the briefing prepared by DHSS on the issues you have indicated you would like to discuss when there. The second contains other material which I have commissioned to shed light on the Department's activities.

First, there is a helpful note from Sir Derek Rayner's Office, which includes a number of questions on the NHS, on social security and unemployment benefit, and on personal social services.

Second, the folder includes the letter which you saw ✓ earlier from Dr. Balfour Lynn setting out his concerns on structure, decentralisation, communications, industrial relations, and ways in which the private sector can help the public sector.

Third, there is a note from Sir Kenneth Berrill with ✓ further questions you might wish to pursue on the health, personal social services and social security questions.

Finally, there is a short note from Sir Ian Bancroft's office on manpower questions which you might like to pursue.

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24 August 1979