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Iron Mountain

I promised at your first Co-ordinating Committee Meeting to circulate a few themes on which you, yourself, and colleagues may like to hammer away during the next months.

I am copying this note to the others on the Committee.

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1. Less government. Less legislation. Systematic pruning of existing secondary legislation. Aim to cut government share of G.N.P. from 63% to 40% in two parliaments - so as to slash inflation, borrowing and taxation. Work towards a balanced Budget.

2. Inflation and unemployment: trades unions can abate unemployment - by wage restraint: by less overmanning and restrictive practice so as to make us more competitive and thus provide more jobs than are lost. Government and government only can abate inflation.

3. The process of prosperity and enterprise: innovation: the need to back successes if there are to be jobs for those redeployed from over-manning, change and failure.

4. Immigration

5. Housing - the policy document contains the themes.

6. Education