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The Prime Minister thinks that it would be useful if the Chief Secretary could circulate a brief memorandum to the Cabinet for its meeting on 8th November, reporting the outcome of the various bilateral discussions left over from the discussion on 25th October.

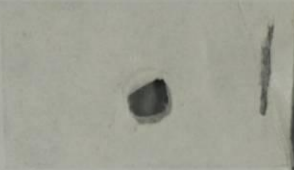
This memorandum would report the outcome of the Chief Secretary's discussions with the Secretaries of State for the Environment, and Education and Science on housing and education. On agricultural grants, the memorandum could invite the Cabinet to agree that a decision should be held over until Sir Kenneth Berrill's group has reported, which will be (I understand) by the end of November. If the matter can then be resolved by agreement between the Chief Secretary and the Minister of Agriculture, well and good; if not, it can come to the Cabinet on 6th December.

I am sending copies of this letter to Tim Lankester, Tony Battishill, Garth Waters, David Edmonds and Philip Hunter.

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