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I have seen a copy of Mr. Whitmore's minute to Sir Ian Bancroft dated 24 July reporting your further thoughts on the organisation of the Treasury and the Civil Service Department.

2. I am bound to say that I share your view that we should have more information on the balance of advantages and disadvantages which would flow from a unification of the two departments before we take a final decision. We need also to have a better view than has so far been furnished to us of the actual extent of the upheaval, cost and disturbance which would be entailed. I therefore go along completely with your proposal that a study should be put in hand without delay covering these questions.

3. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Lord President and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

G.H.

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