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GREEN PAPER PREPARATIONS

I have had a brief talk with Tom Boardman since the Birmingham speech - about which he was very complimentary - and he would like to post a letter to you, tomorrow, suggesting a presentation on further trade union reform; all this on the lines agreed in principle when David and I spoke with you about it a couple of weeks ago.

He would prefer to do this right away, even though it is rather early, because he finishes as Chairman of the ABCC on 8 May and it would be less easy for him to participate in that presentation if he was not the original author of the suggestion.

If you are agreeable, I will tell him to go ahead and post it tomorrow, Friday. If not, we will hold it until after he has finished at ABCC and we may then have to get his successor to take the initiative.

Are you happy for him to send the letter to you, now? He would be copying it to Jim.

JR

Yes and

JOHN HOSKYNs