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PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister  
c. Mr. Wolfson.

Yes

Are you content with  
these terms of reference?  
You will want to tell  
Cabinet of them tomorrow.

Yes  
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Following your talk with Sir Derek Raynor this morning I had a further useful conversation with him: and I have arranged to see him again tomorrow when I will be accompanied by Sir Ian Bancroft and Sir Anthony Rawlinson of the Treasury. We hope then to make progress on staff and lines of enquiry so that he can be fully operational on his return from Tokyo.

I also discussed with Sir Derek Raynor the terms of an announcement and I agreed to recommend to you that it should be:-

"The Prime Minister has appointed Sir Derek Raynor as a part-time adviser to assist Departments in promoting efficiency and eliminating waste. Sir Derek Raynor will be located in the Cabinet Office."

Agreed  
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Two nuances about the text:-

- (i) Sir Derek Raynor is very anxious to include the word "part-time" because, as you probably know, he hopes to get the chairmanship of Marks and Spencer in due course and does not want to give any impression that he will not continue to play an active role there.
- (ii) He would also like the words "to assist Departments" to give the impression that he is there to help rather than to interfere.

I suggest that this announcement should go out after tomorrow's informal meeting of the Cabinet so that you can explain Sir Derek Raynor's role to your colleagues. This timing would also suit him well.

Agreed  
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Sir Derek Raynor does not wish to be paid.

*John*

(John Hunt)

7th May, 1979