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option should be favoured, I would hope, therefore, that before any public commitment is entered into we would have an opportunity of considering further advice from officials on the Departments that might make up the package of posts. In my view this advice should include a more detailed assessment of the likely damage to efficiency from dispersing the blocks of work involved. This approach would imply only an interim announcement before the Recess along the lines proposed for Option 3 in paragraph 9 of the Lord President's paper.

5. I am sending copies of this minute to the other members of the Economic Strategy Committee and to Sir John Hunt.

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