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MR. HOSKYNS

We spoke about the proposal for a future Cabinet discussion of the Government's overall strategy, and the need to focus on key issues of policy which cut across the whole Administration.

You agreed to draft, in consultation with Sir Kenneth Berrill, a minute from the Prime Minister to members of the Cabinet, in which she would ask for a more considered note about the major issues falling on each of them. We envisaged the circulation of this minute on Thursday of this week, with a request for replies by, say, 1 June. You and the CPRS would then be able to finalise a strategy paper, to which the Departmental Ministers' minutes could be attached, in the following week, and this could be considered by Cabinet around 11 June.

I attach a copy of Ken Stowe's minute to the Prime Minister about this, with copies of the short replies prepared by each Cabinet Minister for the Prime Minister last week.

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