



From: The Rt. Hon Sir Keith Joseph, Bt., MP.,

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1st March, 1978

Dear Margaret,

The Policy Sub-Committee recently discussed the enclosed papers on "The Great and the Good" and on reducing public sector manpower. The Committee thought that both papers could be broadly endorsed as party policy, and that they would probably not require any further discussion.

The Committee was slightly concerned that the priority given to the abolition of Quangos should not be so high as to give rise to political problems. It would be counter-productive to focus limelight on the assessment that will be needed by Ministers before they are in a position to recommend what should and what should not be dismantled.

The Committee also felt that the Public Sector Manpower Group's recommendation that employers should be responsible for paying the first few weeks of sickness benefit ought to be treated with the greatest possible caution. But otherwise there was broad support for the paper's recommendations. You will note the suggestion that a 'no redundancy' pledge should not be given in connection with civil servants except in return for conditions set out in para. 8.

This would  
have to go  
to Cabinet  
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7th March, 1978

Margaret has read your note of 1st March which you sent with the two papers. She has made a marginal note against the third and last paragraph of your letter. "This would have to go to Patrick Jenkin."

Otherwise no comment.

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The Rt Hon Sir Keith Joseph, MP