COVERING SECRET

TO ALL NUMBERS OF THE LEADER'S CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The attached paper from the Upland Development Committee will be taken at the end of the Agenda of the Shadow Cabinet meeting on Monday 2nd August 1976 in Central Office.

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UPLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Note by Mr. Pym

We recommend the establishment of new committees to operate within the existing local government structure.

These committees would be sub-committees of the County Council concerned and would be formed of members of the appropriate County and District Council together with a minority representation of specific outside interests. These outside interests would bring expertise to bear on agriculture, forestry, light industry and tourism. The Committee would present an annual report to its constituent bodies and would be charged with expanding the economic base of defined upland areas.

It would carry out studies and present practical development proposals which would be subject to the normal planning procedures by the appropriate authorities. We believe that the Upland Development Committee will provide the necessary counterbalance in favour of the development of the upland economy, ensuring the integration of this policy in County Structure Plans and District Local plans and within local authority policies generally.

Legislation: Amendment of Section 102 Local Government Act 1972