



cc Sir D. Rayner jd

Civil Service

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Richard

Thank you for your letter of 27 May.

I very much welcome the interest which you, and the Committee of which you are a member, show in efficiency matters generally and in the work of Sir Derek Rayner. I myself attach great importance to these matters.

In accordance with the conventions surrounding the advice tendered to Ministers within the Government service, I do not propose to publish the proposals originally put to me by Sir Derek Rayner for lasting reforms. But a good deal of work has already been set in hand arising from his advice. He is shortly to submit to the Treasury and Civil Service Committee a progress report on his work, and in this he will deal fairly fully with the question of lasting reforms. The Sub-Committee on Value for Money in the Civil Service will be able to go further into such points as it wishes, should it invite Sir Derek to be a witness.

Yours sincerely

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