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Dear Prime Minister,

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Rayner "Lasting Reforms".

I was very interested to see in the recent White Paper on the future of the Civil Service Department a reference to "Lasting Reforms" (Paragraph 27). This reference draws on an earlier one in Sir Derek Rayner's last note on his work to the Treasury and Civil Service Committee, of which I am a member.

As far as I can ascertain, the little which is said in these two documents is all that has ever been said in public about this part of Sir Derek's work. Naturally, I find these references interesting and important. As you may know, the Sub-Committee is just beginning a study on 'Value for Money' in the Civil Service, and I think it would be enormously helpful to know more about this part of Sir Derek's work.

I assume that there is some document available that sets it out in full. If there is, I should very much like to have a copy.

In case there is not, may I say that I hope it would be possible for Sir Derek to outline his thinking and proposals, if he has made any, to the Sub-Committee at a meeting in the reasonably near future.

For my own part, however, as an individual member, I should very much like to have whatever paper or document is available. If there is none, would you be agreeable to my seeing Sir Derek to hear his views on this?

Yours sincerely,
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