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Dw Nick,

We still expect Len Murray to be about on holiday

NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL: WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY

I enclose a revised version of the Prime Minister's Brief for the January meeting. This has been approved by the Chancellor.

The Brief is essentially the same as the one I sent to you before Christmas. However, the Secretary of State's paper on Employment Trends has now been dropped from the agenda, and the NEDO paper about SWP work on new technologies has been thinned out. The revised Brief is therefore a little shorter. Other main changes to the Brief include fuller guidance about the Chairman's role (see opening section), additional "stage directions" about who should be called on to speak on the various items, and some reordering of the material to make it easier for the Prime Minister to handle.

The annexes on the Finniston and ACARD Report (referred to in paragraph 3) are unchanged, and you already have copies.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosure to Ian Ellison, Ian Fair, Bill Burroughs and Stuart Hampson.

Yours ever,

M. A. HALL (Private Secretary)