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cc. D. Wright (Cabinet Office).

I was glad of the opportunity of listening to the suggestions of the Smaller Business Committee and I thought it might be helpful to put on record the points they raised to which I have added some personal comments.

I understand from subsequent conversations that the Officers were very pleased with the hearing which you gave them and the obvious interest which you showed.

It is extremely helpful of you to have proposed a meeting in the Autumn to shift some of the "road blocks" which are holding up progress on small firms policy, for most of the problems lie outside of the Department of Industry's own remit. Meanwhile, I will prepare a working paper covering both what your Government have achieved and the road blocks preventing further progress.

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