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From the Private Secretary

3 December 1980

Long Term Unemployment and the Young

The Prime Minister had a word with the Chancellor this evening about the draft minute which you sent over under cover of Brian Unwin's minute of 3 December. The Chancellor explained that the Treasury had completed their preliminary examination of this issue, and that he would now like the CPRS to undertake a detailed study of the possible options for helping unemployed young people. The CPRS were well suited to undertake such a study because there were a number of interlocking departmental considerations that had to be looked at, and he understood that they had the resources to do it.

The Prime Minister said that she agreed in principle that the CPRS should undertake this study; the Chancellor should now write to her formally so as to give Mr. Prior and other Ministers an opportunity to comment.

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