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Policy Unit

PRIME MINISTER

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Norman, David and I have 15 minutes with you on this vital topic tomorrow morning. This is our Agenda:

1. Information Technology is the biggest industrial opportunity to seize (or lose) since the war. Agree?
  
2. It is a field in which Government has to intervene if anything good is to happen. Agree?
  
3. Now look at the way we've tackled IT so far; the key people and their credentials; the organisation and its relevance. Do you think it is going to be enough to put UK on equal terms with, say, the Japanese and the French?
  
4. If you don't, then E on Wednesday is the time to say so, and to ask for something different.
  
5. We have several ideas on what you should ask for and can put these in writing after we have talked tomorrow.



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