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From the Private Secretary

9 March, 1981

Dear Atry.

The Prime Minister has considered Mr MacGregor's minute of 6 March in which he put forward several proposals concerning the organisation of Government for helping small firms.

The Prime Minister is not happy with these proposals. She is doubtful whether they will lead to greater efficiency, and she suspects they will result in more rather than fewer people being employed. In any event, she considers that further thought needs to be given to the proposals before there can be any question of their being announced.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Wiggins (HM Treasury), David Edmonds (Department of the Environment), Brian Norbury (Ministry of Defence), Geoffrey Robson (Scottish Office), John Craig (Welsh Office), Jim Buckley (Lord President's Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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