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has his comments.

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Prime Minister

In my paper E(81)(111) circulated on 5 November I sought colleagues' agreement to the terms of reappointment of Mr Bosworth, as Deputy Chairman of the British Railways Board and to an increase in salary for Mr Reid, the Chief Executive (Railways) of some 15%.

Since I understand there is considerable pressure on the "E" agenda next week I wonder whether we might clear this paper in correspondence. Can I assume the way is clear for me to proceed as I propose if I do not hear to the contrary by 19 November.

I am sending copies of this to colleagues on "E", to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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DAVID HOWELL

13 November 1981