



PRIME MINISTER

BRITISH AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

I have circulated separately as E(NI)(82)19 a note commenting on the performance and current position of the British Airports Authority. I suggest that this paper could be dealt with by correspondence. Unless I hear to the contrary from you or any of our colleagues by the end of next week, I hope that it can be agreed that I should proceed on the lines set out in paragraph 13 of my note.

I am copying this minute to other members of E(NI) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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Prime Minister ①

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No. the paper is very complex. Put it to E. M. M.

Please see Alan Walters' note (attached)
Agree to Lord Cockfield's proposal at X, subject to

- (i) request for a privatisation timetable from BAA (② in Alan's note)
- (ii) reassurance about their fees not being raised excessively (by international standards) attached ? MLS 23/7 (① in Alan's note)

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