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G.E. Prime Minister POLICY GROUPS 1. This is just to remind you that, at the end of today's Cabinet, you had in mind (without officials being there) to say a word to your Cabinet colleagues about the proposed Policy Study Groups. After discussion with Cecil Parkinson you have asked Geoffrey Howe to assume overall responsibility for 10 (?) Policy Groups which will identify tasks for the next Conservative Administration and which will assist in the preparation of our Manifesto. 3. It is intended that these Policy Groups will report before the end of March 1983. Geoffrey and Cecil have discussed the names of those 4. who might become Chairman of each Policy Group. Geoffrey will want to discuss these names with Ministers concerned, before submitting a list of the Chairmen to you for your final approval. It will be up to the Chairman of each grpup, in conjunction with Geoffrey, to decide on the composition of each Study Group. At present the subjects which are to be considered are:-Unemployment Enterprise Family Choice Education Cities Why Work? Europe Nationalised Industries Urban Transport