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To: PRIME MINISTER

From: JOHN SPARROW

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7 September 1982

Head of NI Review Staff - Attendance at E(NI)

- 1. Since you gave the CPRS the job of a Nationalised Industry Review Staff to support the Ministerial Committee (E(NI)), we have been seeking to recruit a senior industrialist to head this staff. As I expect you know, we have been fortunate in recruiting Mr David Green, a division manager from ICI with very relevant private-sector experience. He joined us a few weeks ago.
- 2. I should like your agreement that he should attend meetings of E(NI). This will be the best way for him to make direct contact with Ministers, so that he is able to lead the staff and deal authoritatively with sponsor departments and industries. We have recruited him as a Deputy Secretary, and I am confident that with Ministers' support he can play a key role. It may not always be appropriate for both him and me to attend, but given our 'Secretariat' role I hope you will agree that we may both do so on occasion.
- 3. I should also like to find some opportunity to introduce him to you when you have a moment to spare.
- 4. I am sending a copy of this minute to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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