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9 February 1982

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter of 28 January about the CPRS study on the relationship between central and local government. *will request if required*

We are of course very ready to contribute although we cannot offer much in the way of staff resources as the people likely to be involved from here are already, as you will well understand, under considerable pressure in dealing with current issues.

CPRS will obviously want to mesh in their work on their remit with the several other Ministerial commissions in this field, including those set out in CC(82)4th (minute 5). This will no doubt be sorted out at the meeting which Alan Bailey has called for 12 February.

There remains the difficult question, to which you referred in your letter, of the extent and timing of the study. I very much like the approach set out at the beginning of Alan's letter of 1 February. If CPRS and Departments are committing hard pressed resources to the study then I certainly favour starting it on the assumption that it will be an input to decisions on more fundamental and wider-ranging issues than those which could be considered before legislating on rates this session.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours
George

G W Moseley

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Dear Robert,

CENTRAL/LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

Please refer to my letter to you of 9 February.

I understand from Terry Heiser that Alan Bailey chaired a very useful meeting last Friday to discuss the implementation of the CPRS remit to examine issues on the relationship between central and local government.

I gather that CPRS have decided to prepare a first report for Cabinet for May, aimed at providing a framework for the pieces of work already in hand interdepartmentally and drawing on bilateral discussions between CPRS and the Departments concerned; and that CPRS will consider the timing and content of a further stage to this work in the light of Cabinet decisions at the end of May.

If I may say so, I think that this is a very sensible approach. But I have little doubt that we will all be involved in continuing work on local government matters for some time ahead - there are already five interdepartmental operations in play. In the circumstances I would feel reassured if I and other Permanent Secretaries immediately concerned were to meet from time to time informally to take stock. Although of course we will each separately be receiving reports from our own Department, I think there is much to be said for us looking collectively at developments and the way forward.

If you agree, I suggest that I arrange for a first informal meeting just before Easter to which I would plan to invite Alan.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of your first letter of 28 January.

Yours ever
G W Moseley

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Central/Local Government Relationships

Thank you for your letter of 23rd February.

I agree that it would be useful if the Permanent Secretaries concerned were to meet from time to time informally to take stock of the various pieces of activity that are going on in this area. I note that you propose to arrange for a first meeting just before Easter; I hope that I may be included in your list of invitations.

I am sending copies of this letter to those who have received copies of yours.

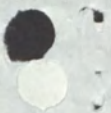
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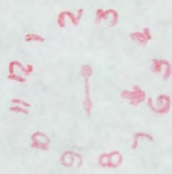
CENTRAL/LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 23 February to Robert Armstrong. I agree that it would be a good idea for the Permanent Secretaries concerned with the CPRS study to meet and take stock, and I would be happy to join you before Easter as you suggest.

I am copying this letter to those who received copies of yours.

Yours sincerely,
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Dear George,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 23 February to Robert Armstrong about central/local government relationships. We are in the lead in one of the five operations to which you refer; and I very much agree with you that we should meet to take stock before Easter.

I am copying this to those who had Robert Armstrong's letter of 28 January.

Yours ever,

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