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ENERGY CONSERVATION

Thank you for copying to me your minute of 6 July to the Prime Minister about this Rayner Scrutiny report.

I do, of course, fully accept our Manifesto commitment to establish an Energy Efficiency Office as recommended in the Finer Report. I cannot, however, agree that it is necessary to transfer responsibility for energy conservation publicity back to your Department after this was transferred to my Department in a well publicised move only just over two years ago. To change again would surely only lead to duplication and confusion, especially as your officials would continue to depend on my research staff for their basic factual material.

For these reasons, I believe the Finer Report needs substantial modification if it is to be implemented in such a way as to achieve sensible objectives.

I am copying this reply to the recipients of yours.

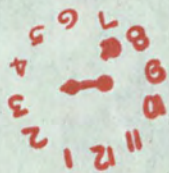
I would be happy to talk about this, as I mentioned.

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