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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mr. Read,

I am most grateful to you and John Banham for the excellent presentation you made to the Cabinet on the work of the Audit Commission. We found it extremely stimulating. The scope for improvement in efficiency in local government, which your work is uncovering, is enormous. You have our fullest support in your efforts to have the savings you have identified realised.

We have taken to heart, however, that the pursuit of greater efficiency is not just a matter for local government but must be high on the agenda for all other parts of the public sector, including our own Departments.

Yours sincerely

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