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Prime Minister ⁽²⁾For information, particularly on the
announcement part.

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PRIME MINISTER

GRANT-AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS

attached You may have noted that H last month endorsed the proposal in my memorandum H(86)13 for a feasibility study into the practicability of an experimental scheme of grant-aided primary schools.

2. I am now embarking on this feasibility study, and shall let you know the outcome. I hope that the lessons learned during it will also be of value in the wider context.

3. H thought that the feasibility study should best be concluded in confidence and without a prior announcement, but were concerned about the possibility of a leak. If there were to be one at this stage, I propose to confine myself to saying that, as is already known, the Government are considering whether there is scope for a new kind of experimental direct grant school, but are still some way from decisions on this.

K.J.

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