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FROM: CHIEF SECRETARY  
DATE: 23 July 1986

PRIME MINISTER

*Ansult RDA*  
*(was at the wedding) where do we stand*  
*MBTA*  
*Must be advised. Any other work.*

PROPOSED NEW POLLUTION INSPECTORATE

I have seen a copy of Robert Armstrong's minute to you of 14 July.

2 I am content with his recommendations, subject to the important proviso that they must not lead to any additional costs. In particular this means:

- (a) that we should firmly resist any resulting pressure from the Trade Unions for levelling up of pay rates; the risk of this is referred to in paragraph 8 of the report;
- (b) that there must be no resulting increases in staff numbers. Indeed given that the efficiency scrutiny concluded that the IAPI was generously resourced, I hope Nicholas Ridley will look hard to see if staff savings are possible.

3 I am copying this minute to Willie Whitelaw, David Young, Peter Walker, Nicholas Ridley, Paul Channon, Malcolm Rifkind, Nicholas Edwards, Michael Jopling, Sir Robin Ibbes and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*gm*

JOHN MacGREGOR

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