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PRIME MINISTER

Experiments on Living Animals: H Committee

At H Committee's discussion of the Home Office Paper on Experiments on Living Animals, the major conclusions which were reached were:-

i) That the proposal for an Animal Procedures Board should be dropped in favour of an advisory body more demonstrably independent of the Home Office than the existing Advisory Committee on Animal Experiments.

ii) That a White Paper along the lines proposed by Mr. Mellor (minus Animal Procedures Board) should be published as soon as possible.

The Home Secretary said that he would report the outcome to you and to Cabinet.

You will recall that you thought that the proposed White Paper would cause more problems than it solved. No doubt you will want to consider the question of the timing of its publication when the Home Secretary reports to you as promised.

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