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E(A) - MISC 119 REPORT

The further delay in the consideration of the MISC 119 report by E(A) only causes me to feel more strongly about the points I made in my minute to the Prime Minister of 17 January and I would be grateful if that minute could be included with her papers for the meeting.

2. I am copying this minute to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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SIR ROBIN NICHOLSON  
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Prime Minister

But see paragraph 17

Brian Unwin's

PERSONAL

brief.

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I have written the attached before I have seen a copy of Brian Unwin's steering brief for the Prime Minister. I have tried to persuade Brian, but I do not know with what success, to brief the Prime Minister to at least test views in the meeting as to whether some action on MISC 119 can be taken now as suggested in my minute of 17 January. Otherwise this will go on for ever.

2. The Lord President was due to report recommended actions in October. This became December because of Star Chamber meetings and February because of Westland. Now we have a new Ministerial Committee which will report in May (?) by which time nothing will be possible because of PES! And after PES too near the election?! Sorry, I must be getting cynical.

RBN.

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