PERSONAL

Mr RICKETT

You may like to be aware of the attached exchange of letters between Mr du Cann and Sir Derek Rayner; and also that Sir Derek is giving Mr Joel Barnett lunch on 9 November.

C PRIESTLEY
5 November 1982

Encs: As indicated

3 November 1982

Dear Edward,

How kind of you to write following our lunch yesterday and with such a flattering account of my efforts over the last three years. I can only reciprocate the points I made over lunch that much of the work of the Committee has been of great help to me in making sure that necessary reforms, particularly in important areas such as Financial Management and Audit, are pursued with vigour.

I regret that I shall have to cut back substantially the amount of time which I have recently given to work in Whitehall. I shall ensure, however, that I keep sufficiently in touch to make sure that some of the more important aspects of change which have begun are taken forward.

Yours ever

Derek

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Dear Derek.

Thank you so much for your most kindly hospitality at lunchtime today. I was delighted to have the opportunity for a talk.

You have achieved a great deal for us all during the last three years and I am very glad that we have been working very much to the same ends. What matters is that the work you have begun should be continued and pursued with vigour and I hope this will be the case.

Best wishes

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