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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr Gow

FIVE-YEAR FORWARD LOOK

I mentioned to you that the Five-Year Forward Looks which you commissioned from Ministers in charge of departments, to be returned to you by 24 December, are now coming in thick and fast. I attach a folder of those so far received.

Ian Gow and I hope that you will not read these over Christmas.

We suggest that you should authorise me to distribute them to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chairman of the Party, and then arrange a meeting for the New Year to discuss the machinery by which work on them should be taken forward.

E.E.B. BUTLER

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