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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

INNER CITIES: WORK PROGRAMME

The Prime Minister saw over the weekend the paper setting out the proposed work programme on inner cities (E(UP)(87)2).

The Prime Minister felt that the proposed terms of reference of the study were insufficiently pointed and in particular did not draw attention to the need for the focus of future work to be on ways of encouraging individuals in inner cities to help themselves. She has suggested the following revised terms of reference:

"To consider the effectiveness with which departmental programmes deliver the government's urban policy, bearing in mind in particular the need to recreate a spirit of initiative and enterprise in our inner cities; to propose changes as necessary both at central and local level, including for improved joint working between Departments and for target areas for such joint working; to make proposals for improving the presentation of the Government's urban policy; and, consulting Government Departments as necessary, to prepare an interim report before the end of July, with a final report in September."

Subject to your views, the Prime Minister would intend to propose these terms of reference at the meeting of E(UP) tomorrow.

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