

PRIME MINISTER

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Strategy Meeting: Monday at 1:00

Monday's meeting will be an opportunity for the CPRS to hear direct from you your thought about the gaps in policy which need to be plugged over the next year or two. It comes at a good time: I remember from my own CPRS days that the main danger for the members of the CPRS is to lose the "feel" for the Prime Minister's thinking. It will be good for the morale of the CPRS, which is probably bruised by the mauling their paper received at Cabinet, and it will help to get them in touch.

I have told Mr. Sparrow and the others attending that you will probably concentrate on measures in the employment/training/encouragement of new business field. This will be a good way of carrying forward the CPRS' work on unemployment and the black economy and will provide an opportunity for you to direct them to any further aspects which you want them to pursue.

Mr. Sparrow will hope to widen the discussion. He still hopes that CPRS will be given the opportunity to look at the 5-year forward looks being submitted by the end of the year and give you comments on the internal consistency of these and their consistency with the Government's general strategy as the CPRS perceive it. I wanted to warn you that he will revert to this suggestion: if you want to agree to this suggestion, you may want to steer them towards commenting direct to you, rather than generally. This is not likely to do any harm, and might be useful to you.

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