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To: PRIME MINISTER

From: JOHN SPARROW

CPRS Work Programme

1. Towards the end of last year you agreed to three major study topics for the CPRS - Education, Pensions and Intellectual Property Rights.
2. The work on all of these is well advanced and the purpose of this minute is to let you know when I now think that each will be completed.
3. The Pensions Study should be available before the end of this month which is in line with the "first half of next year" forecast which I made last October.
4. The next report to be ready should be that on Higher Education. End-May is now the target date for that, as against the "around February 1983" which I indicated in my minute of 16 November last year when the detailed remit was finally agreed. The field work and subsequent analysis have taken longer than we expected. To have tried to stick to the original target date would have meant producing a document of little value to Ministers.
5. The Intellectual Property Rights report should be available in June, one month later than the date which I forecast to you on 8 December when setting out the remit for the work.
6. Subject to your agreement I propose, when each report is completed, sending it to you and to the other Ministers mainly concerned with the subject.
7. I am meanwhile working on a possible future programme to discuss with you.

JS.

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cc/no  
Prime Minister

Are you happy with A?

or would you prefer the reports to come first to you before being circulated to anyone else?

7 April 1983

First to me.

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cc Mr Owen

*From the Private Secretary*

MR. SPARROW  
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CPRS WORK PROGRAMME

The Prime Minister was grateful for your minute of 7 April about the CPRS work programme.

She would be grateful if you would send the Reports on Education, Pensions and Intellectual Property Rights to her before circulating them elsewhere; indeed, she has commented that it might be as well if she saw the Reports in draft.

M.C. SCHOLAR

11 April 1983

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