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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

CPRS Work: Publication

The Prime Minister has several times today raised the question of publishing selected CPRS reports in batches during August and September. As an example of the kinds of reports she has in mind she gives the recent study on pensions portability. She has also suggested that several Parliamentary Under-Secretaries might be charged with the task of reading the reports carefully to make a judgment about their political impact and sensitivity. I think it would be most useful if you could offer the Prime Minister quick advice on this proposal.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

CPRS Papers

You discussed with the Prime Minister this morning the possibility of publishing some of the studies produced by the CPRS. The conclusion of the discussion was that the CPRS papers should not be published as such, but that there would be no objection to publishing through other means some of the useful factual material in those papers.

E. E. R. BUTLER

22 July 1983

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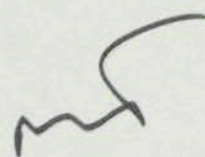
Prime Minister (2)

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CPRS Work: Publication

Thank you for your minute of 21 July. The Prime Minister did indeed mention this when I had my business meeting with her this morning, and I was able to show her a copy of the attached list of CPRS Studies since 1979.

2. I said to the Prime Minister that I saw some risks about selective publications of CPRS Studies which the Government refused to publish or make available to Select Committees when they were produced. The publication of some reports would lead to pressures to publish others which the Government would not wish to publish. Many of the reports contain information obtained in confidence, and would have to be sanitised before they could be made public. There were, however, certain cases - one example was the report on the portability of pensions - where some useful work had been done and it might be possible to publish at any rate something derived from that work, not necessarily attributed to the CPRS.
3. We will review the reports, and I will make further proposals to you in due course.



Approved by
ROBERT ARMSTRONG
and signed in his absence

22 July 1983

CPRS Studies since 1979

Alcohol Policies

Education, Training and Industrial Performance

Choice between 4 and 6 Flow Turbine designs for new AGR Power Station at
Heysham and Torness

People and their Families

Cashless Pay - Alternatives to Cash in Payment of Wages

Pay

Restrictive Labour Practices

Relationship between Government and the Nationalised Industries

Services for the Socially Inadequate

Merseyside

UK Space Policy

Unemployment

Labour Mobility

NI Board Salaries: Payments by Results

Electricity Prices for Industry

Youth Opportunities

Standards

Health and Safety at Work

Contracting Out Public Sector Functions

British Rail

Telecommunications in the UK: Investment and Financing

Pensions

The Black Economy

Post Office: Longer Term Objectives

Intellectual Property Rights

Electrification of British Rail

Higher Education

Information Technology

Structure of British Leyland

Planning Procedures

Gas Gathering Pipeline

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List of Published Reports

<u>Title</u>	<u>Year published</u>
Energy Conservation	1974
A Joint Framework for Social Policies	1975
The Future of the British Car Industry	1975
Population and the Social Services	1976
The Future of the United Kingdom Power Plant Manufacturing Industry	1976
Review of Overseas Representation	1977
Relations between Central Government and Local Authorities	1977
Services for Young Children with Working Mothers	1978
Vandalism	1978
Housing and Social Policies	1978
Education, Training and Industrial Performance	1980
People and their Families	1980
Cashless Pay	1981
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Social and Employment Implications of Microelectronics:	paper prepared by the CPRS November 1978

REPORTS BY CPRS 1971-1982

Alcohol Policies

A New Framework for Agricultural Policy

The United Kingdom Computer Industry

*Government Research and Development

*Housing and Social Policies: Some Interactions

*The Future of the British Car Industry

*Services for Young Children with Working Mothers

Future of the Microbiological Research Establishment, Porton Down

*Education, Training and Industrial Performance

An Energy Policy for Great Britain

*Energy Conservation

Energy 1974 and After

The Fast Breeder Reactor

Oil Statistics

Oil Statistics, Terminology and Conversion Tables

Report of the W G on the Planning Price of Oil

*Review of Overseas Representation

A New Regional Policy for Great Britain

*Relations between Central and Local Government

Social Topic Notes (Family, Elderly, Alcohol, 16-24s, Work and Leisure,
Children under 16)

Tourism and Employment in Britain

*Vandalism

Choice between 4 and 6 Flow Turbine Designs for new AGR Power Station at
Heysham and Torness

*The Future of the Power Plant Manufacturing Industry

People and their Families

*Population and the Social Services

Public Expenditure

Presentation of Public Expenditure Survey

Race Relations

Resource Allocation

Resource Allocation and Social Affairs

Review of the Social Services

Social Affairs Strategy Group

*A Joint Framework for Social Policies

A Joint Framework for Social Policies: Initial Action Programme

*Cashless pay - Alternatives to Cash in Payment of Wages

*Social and Employment Implications of Microelectronics

Pay

Restrictive Labour Practices

Relationship between Government and the Nationalised Industries

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