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COMMUNITY CHARGE AND THE RPI

I have seen the Chancellor's minute of 26 October about the forthcoming discussions concerning the Community Charge at the RPI Advisory Committee. *flap*

I entirely agree with his suggestions as to how the official members of the Committee should handle the issue. The Chairman of the Committee (Mr I T Manley from my Department) has held a preparatory meeting with officials from other Departments primarily concerned to go over the ground to be covered and to consider their contributions to the discussion. This, together with the Chancellor's minute, should help to ensure that the sensitivities are suitably handled.

I am copying this minute to the Chancellor, the Secretaries of State for the Environment, Social Security, and Scotland, and to Sir Robin Butler and the Director of the Central Statistical Office.

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