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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBIN BUTLER

FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The Prime Minister discussed with you your minute to me of 2 May. She agreed that it made sense to divide this exercise, first into the quick review into the additional burdens being imposed on local authorities by current or proposed legislation; and secondly a longer term exercise looking at existing functions. Given the potentially wide ranging nature of the latter, she agreed that Mr Owen should prepare a preliminary note suggesting how the ground might be covered. This should be done without reference to Departments at this stage. She would then hold a further discussion before taking decisions on how to carry the work forward.

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Andrew Turnbull

3 May 1990

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