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Prime Minister

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE

1. John Moore sent me a copy of his *with P.G.?* minute to you of 29 February about Sir Roy Griffiths report on the public funding of community care.
2. The report raises a number of complex issues and we shall need to consider with particular care the enhanced role proposed for local authorities and the implications for resources. Delay in publication until we have had the opportunity to reach a considered view on the recommendations as a whole would lead to strong criticism, misinformed comment and speculation. Furthermore it will be helpful to have the reactions of outside interests before decisions are taken. I therefore agree with the proposal that the report should be published with a covering statement indicating that the Government will be considering the recommendations and will bring forward its own proposals in due course. I am content with the proposal to publish on 16 March.
3. I am sending copies of this minute to John Moore, to the other members of E(A) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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