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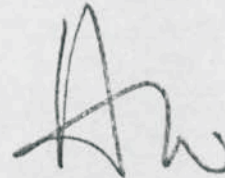
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MR. SMITH

REGIONAL POLICY - NATIONAL INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

I have heard from Eileen McKay that there is a working party, related to MISC 14, which is dealing with long-term policy with respect to regions. It is chaired by Michael Quinlan and is producing an interim report for July, the final report is due at the end of the year. It might be a good idea to see whether they are considering the sort of measures which you suggested.

I am also told there is a working party on Northern Ireland and the problems of expenditure to promote employment. Apparently it was a consequence of the Harland and Wolff issue. It is being chaired by John Marshall of the Northern Ireland Office.



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