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Conveyancing for  
Reward.

PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Tebbit will be staying behind after Cabinet tomorrow to discuss:

- (i) The solicitors' conveyancing monopoly. He seeks your guidance as to how far to push the issue, which will come to Cabinet next Thursday, 15 December (see the Policy Unit note and the Minutes of H Committee - Flag A);
- (ii) He wants to give you an oral report on the complex of issues relating to BT/ICL, listed in my letter to his Private Office - see Flag B;
- (iii) He also wants to raise a question of senior management in his Department. I believe he discussed this about six weeks ago and will be enquiring about progress. Unfortunately Sir Robert Armstrong will not be available;
- (iv) He has minuted you on INMOS - see Flag C. He is suggesting additional funding for INMOS either in the form of an additional loan or an increase in its temporary borrowing ceiling. Lord Cockfield is extremely sceptical and would require more by way of justification. He also recommends that if any more money is put in, there should be a revision of the terms. Policy Unit are deeply sceptical and also suggest more information is required. I have not yet had the Treasury's response. I suggest you do not raise this until the Treasury have replied, but if Mr. Tebbit raises it, you should take the same line as Lord Cockfield.

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