



892822

cc: P. Griffiths

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

STAR CHAMBER

The Prime Minister has discussed with the Lord President and the Chief Secretary the composition of the small group of Ministers which is to be constituted to discuss outstanding Survey issues. The members proposed at present are as follows:

- Lord President of the Council (Chairman)
- Lord Privy Seal
- Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
- Paymaster General
- Chief Secretary, Treasury.

The Chief Whip should also be sent the papers and attend meetings as necessary.

The Secretary of State for Wales may be invited to become a member of the Group if his programme is settled in time after his return from the United States on 12 October.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if, following Cabinet, you would take the necessary informal steps to establish the Group, which is expected to begin its work in the week beginning 13 October. No formal notice to establish the Group should be circulated until a decision has been taken on whether the Secretary of State for Wales is to be a member.

David Norgrove

1 October 1986

CONFIDENTIAL

Please type

~~DRAFT MINUTE~~

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

STAR CHAMBER

The Prime Minister has discussed with the Lord President and the Chief Secretary the composition of the small group of Ministers which is to be constituted ~~[after Cabinet tomorrow]~~ to discuss outstanding Survey issues. The ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed at present} members are as follows:

- Lord President of the Council (Chairman)
- ~~[Secretary of State for Wales]~~
- Lord Privy Seal
- Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
- Paymaster General
- Chief Secretary, Treasury.

The Chief Whip should also be sent the papers and attend meetings as necessary.

2. *The Secretary of State for Wales may be invited to become a member of the group if his programme is settled in time after his return from the US on 12 October.*
3. The Prime Minister would be grateful if, following Cabinet, you would take the necessary ^{informal} steps to establish the Group, which is expected to begin its work in the week beginning 13 October. *No formal notice to establish the group should be circulated until a decision has been taken on whether the Secretary of State for Wales is to be a member.*

DRV

~~Private Secretary (No 10)~~

October 1986

DRV