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THE PRIME MINISTER

Personal Minute

No. M8/82

MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF DEPARTMENTS

I informed the Cabinet today that the increase in Sir Derek Rayner's business responsibilities means that he must now relinquish his leadership of the Unit which bears his name. I have accepted this decision with regret; and an announcement is being made today.

Sir Derek Rayner has kindly agreed to continue to advise me and the Lord Privy Seal on general efficiency questions as necessary. He will continue to work with the Chief Secretary, Treasury and the Lord Privy Seal on the financial management initiative and to advise the Secretary of State for Social Services on management matters in the National Health Service, notably the scrutiny programme now being developed.

The Rayner Unit will continue to operate under the direction of Mr. C. Priestley, who since May 1982 has also been in charge of the management and efficiency divisions of the Management and Personnel Office. The Unit will provide staff support for Sir Derek Rayner as required and co-ordinate the programme of Departmental scrutinies.

Margaret Thatcher

9 December 1982

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Prime Minister



I did not realise, when we discussed the point after Cabinet this morning, that you had had a subsequent

From the Secretary of the Cabinet discussion with Sir R. Armstrong

Mr. Butler

I attach a minute for you to send out if you still wish to.

Sir D. Rayner

FERB

9.12.

I suggested to the Prime Minister that, even though she had spoken in Cabinet, she should send out her minute to Ministers in charge of departments, which was likely to be more widely seen than the Cabinet minutes. She agreed to do so.

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FERB explained that as the PM had raised the contents of the attached at Cabinet this morning there would be no need to circulate the letter to Ministers.

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9/12.

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An announcement will be made on these lines later today.

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