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PRIME MINISTER

Chequers Seminar on Unemployment

I attach the papers for the meetings on 6 and 7 September that we have received so far. We have yet to receive contributions from Lord Cockfield and Alan Walters. The papers by the Department of Trade and Industry are still only in draft, and have not yet been approved by Cecil Parkinson (I have told his office that they seem to me to have been far too long).

On Tuesday I will circulate the papers to those attending the seminar, unless you have any objection. I will of course add a cautionary note to the effect that these papers are for the personal use of those attending the meeting, and that they should only be shown to others if the Minister concerned feels their advice is absolutely necessary (rather than just desirable).

The papers attached are as follows:-

HM Treasury

1. ✓ Regional Economic Policy: Redeployment of Resources
2. ✓ Public Expenditure and Employment
3. ✓ Opening up the Public Sector to Market Forces
4. ✓ "Passport for a Job" and Help for Those Starting up in Self-employment
5. ✓ Portable Pensions
6. ✓ Employment in the United States
7. ✓ The Private Rented Sector
8. ✓ The Taxation System and Employment

Department of Employment

9. ✓ Further Options to reduce Trade Union Power
10. ✓ Reducing barriers to employment
11. ✓ A general note on the Labour Market

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Department of Education and Science

- ✓ 12. Giving Workers and Managers the Skills and Enterprising Approach they require

Department of the Environment

13. Housing and Labour Mobility

Manpower Services Commission

14. A Minister for Policy?

Department of Trade and Industry

15. Restrictions on Wealth Creation (yet to be approved by Mr. Parkinson)
16. Encouraging Growth (yet to be approved by Mr. Parkinson)

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