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Prime Minister

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MR BUTLER

The Prime Minister will wish to know that the Comptroller and Auditor General proposes to start a study by the National Audit Office of the reviews conducted since 1979, at first under the guidance of Sir Derek Rayner and more recently under Sir Robin Ibbs. The study will cover both interdepartmental studies and multi-Department reviews. The Comptroller and Auditor General's intention is to give Parliament an independent account of the contribution which the scrutinies and reviews have made to value for money, their strengths and weaknesses, the extent to which their recommendations have been accepted and implemented, and what in general has resulted from them.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

31 January 1984



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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Thank you for your minute of 31 January (A084/350) informing the Prime Minister that the Comptroller and Auditor General proposes to start a review by the National Audit Office of efficiency reviews conducted since 1979. The Prime Minister has seen and noted your minute.

E. E. R. BUTLER

2 February 1984