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PRIME MINISTER

Autumn Seminars

When you met Mr. Fowler recently it was agreed that a Seminar should be arranged in late September/early October to discuss the Social Security Reviews. By then, most of the evidence will have been gathered and review teams will be at the stage of marshalling it and drawing preliminary conclusions.

The same seminar could also discuss progress on the implementation of Griffiths and look again at the issues identified at the January meeting for further study:

- (i) The basis of remuneration for the contractor professions in the NHS.
- (ii) The operation of the Pharmaceutical Price Review Scheme.
- (iii) Charging policy.
- (iv) The relationship of private provision to the NHS.

A possibility is the afternoon of 4 October at No. 10 - there is a Cabinet meeting in the morning that day. The Wednesday and the Friday of that week have been set aside for work on the speech for the Party Conference which begins the following Monday.

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Agree:

- (i) suggested date for the seminar;
- (ii) the suggested agenda.

I assume you will also want to hold a meeting of the Industry Employment Group. A possible date for this is the afternoon of 13 September, following a Cabinet meeting in the morning. The Wednesday and Friday of that week have been kept free to prepare for your overseas visit.

Possible subjects for discussion are:

- (i) Continuation of the discussion on employment prospects.
- (ii) The study of costs per job of various forms of Government support.
- (iii) Wider ownership (on the agenda last time but not reached).
- (iv) De-regulation.

I felt the discussion at the last seminar was becoming a bit predictable so we will need to think of ways of generating an infusion of fresh ideas. Do you, for example, want to invite colleagues to put in papers on issues which they believe need to be tackled in the coming twelve months?

Agree:

- (i) Seminar on afternoon of 13 September;

/ (ii) preliminary



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- (ii) preliminary agenda suggested above;
- (iii) colleagues to be invited to put in papers?

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