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Dear Peter,

GOVERNMENT PURCHASING

I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent today to Ministers in charge of departments, other than those that participated in our meeting on 29 October at which we discussed the central team's report on Government Purchasing. The letter brings departments up to date on developments and commissions action documents from them.

... A copy of the amended version of the report is enclosed for each of the departments for which you are responsible. I should be grateful if Ministers in charge of the departments that participated in the review could similarly set in hand the preparation of action documents.

We need quickly to identify an individual in each department responsible for follow-up action so that we can keep everyone abreast of developments on the setting up of the Central Purchasing Unit, publication etc.

I am copying this letter to the **Prime Minister**, Leon Brittan, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Michael Heseltine, Patrick Jenkin, Nicholas Ridley, Norman Fowler, Norman Lamont, Timothy Raison, Sir Robin Ibbes and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Louis,
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