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From the Principal Private Secretary

Sir Robert Armstrong

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE HERITAGE

The Prime Minister has seen your minute of 18 December covering a study of the options for a transfer of heritage responsibilities from the Secretary of State for the Environment to the Minister for the Arts.

The Prime Minister believes that it would be as well to leave matters alone. She therefore agrees that there should be no formal change in responsibilities, but revised administrative arrangements to improve the handling of AIL casework.

I am sending copies of this minute to Robin Young (Department of the Environment), Richard Broadbent (Office of the Chief Secretary, HM Treasury), and Paul Thomas (Office of the Minister for the Arts).

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20 December, 1985.

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