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1. In his minute of 30th November 1984 to which he attaches a paper prepared by officials, the Secretary of State for the Environment leads further detailed discussion on this area for which you commissioned further work.
2. The proposals would involve primary legislation amending the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 beyond blocking the "three months' loophole". As controversy on such matters has proved so rife in the past with all that means to the progress of our business, I incline towards his first alternative on handling, that is to say that collective consideration (possibly in H Committee) could prove valuable at this stage.
3. I am copying this minute to colleagues on H Committee, to Geoffrey Howe, Michael Jopling, Grey Gowrie, David Young and John Gummer and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Bff 19/12/84 to establish whether
had Chen wishes to attend mtg.
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