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From the Principal Private Secretary

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NEDC

The Prime Minister had a word with the Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday evening about the suggestion that she might give a dinner for members of NEDC.

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor agreed that the original purpose of the dinner - to welcome the TUC members back to NEDC - had passed. The Chancellor suggested that as an alternative the Prime Minister might like to Chair the meeting of NEDC later in the year. But the Prime Minister was disinclined to do this since this might encourage the TUC to make political capital out of the occasion. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor concluded that the best occasion for the Prime Minister to be associated with the NEDC again might be to mark NEDC's Jubilee.

I am copying this letter to David Normington (Department of Employment).

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