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This is likely to lead to problems, even though the sums will not be large.

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I have seen a copy of the joint memorandum prepared by Michael Heseltine and yourself and the attached paper by officials. I agree that no OD meeting is necessary at this stage.

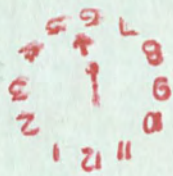
I note that no additional funding is called for at this stage but the study being prepared for this Autumn's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting could lead to demands for increased UK spending in this area. Given the increasing pressures on public expenditure, any additional funding will clearly have to be found from within yours (and/or Michael's) existing provisions. You will no doubt wish to bear this in mind when you come to consider what additional help, if any, might be offered.

I am copying this to Michael Heseltine and other OD colleagues.

NIGEL LAWSON

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