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JOINT DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND DHSS STUDY  
OF LOCAL OFFICE NETWORKS

Norman Fowler sent me a copy of his minute of 19 September to you about the joint Department of Employment and DHSS study of local office networks.

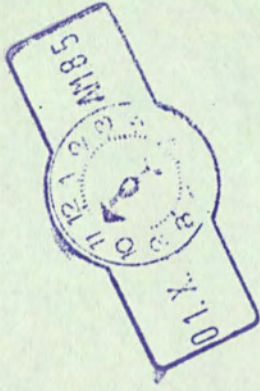
I am content with the terms of reference and the proposed timetable which he agreed with David Young. I hope there will be scope for significant savings from rationalising the networks following the Social Security review and the planned computerisation. Grading and pay levels will need to be watched so that potential problems there do not eat into economies that should be feasible. With these points in mind, I should be grateful if DHSS and DE could keep my officials in close touch with the progress of the study.

3 I am sending copies of this minute to Norman Fowler, David Young, Kenneth Baker and Richard Luce.

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