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Please b/f for Cabinet
discussion.

Prime Minister

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I understand that Mr Tebbit
spoke on these lines when
he raised this with you today

SOLICITORS' CONVEYANCING

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I am grateful for the opportunity to have discussed with you this morning the line that I might take in Cabinet next week when the subject of solicitors' conveyancing comes to us.

2 My own concern is that it was clear from the discussion in H Committee earlier this week that there was support which I judge to be overwhelming, not only for the proposition that employed solicitors should be allowed to do conveyancing, but also for the further proposal that people other than solicitors should be allowed to convey registered land. In view of this, I believe there is every chance that our colleagues in Cabinet will come to the view that we must go forward with not only the proposals on employed solicitors, but the further proposal, which will raise more acutely the concerns felt by those who wish to see as little movement from the present position as possible.

I judge that the line could be held at the initial concession only if you were to give a very clear steer to colleagues.

3 I am copying this note to Willie, to make sure that he is fully aware of my assessment of the H Committee discussion.

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8 December 1983