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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING OF E(A) ON THURSDAY 30 JUNE

You have already seen the papers for the meeting over the weekend (under cover of my minute immediately below). I assume from your comments on the papers on exchequer contributions to BR and NFC pension funds that you see major difficulties with Mr. Channon's proposals for legislation. If so, you may want to take this item first (although it is formally the second item on the agenda) and then move quickly on to the Severn crossing issue. That will be a difficult decision, and any solution will need to reconcile ^{the} conflicting interests of the Welsh Office, Department of Transport and the Treasury.

*Policy Unit have now provided a short note on
BR/NFC, also enclosed.*

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PAUL GRAY

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