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PRIME MINISTER

BUDGET CABINET: 20 MARCH

As in the past, the Chancellor does not plan to hand round any pieces of paper at Cabinet tomorrow, but will simply give an oral presentation of his proposals.

After the Chancellor has spoken, you will want to give other members of Cabinet a chance to comment if they wish. I would imagine the package will be well received; it follows quite closely both the broad thrust and some of the detailed proposals suggested in the pre-Budget Cabinet discussion a month ago.

In summing up, you will want to stress:

- (i) the warm welcome for the Budget package;
- (ii) the essential need for total secrecy until 1530.

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PAUL GRAY

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