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pt 2.

SIR LEO PLIATZKY

The Prime Minister has seen your minute to me of 1 November, about the Manpower Services Commission, with which you enclosed material on other non-Departmental bodies responsible to the Department of Employment.

She is grateful for this report, and especially for the separate note about MSC. She will find these of great value in preparation for her proposed visit to the Department of Employment later this month, when she will wish to pursue the policy issues which arise from your study.

The Prime Minister proposes to have a small internal briefing meeting shortly before she visits the Department of Employment. This will be in the week beginning 19 November, and she hopes that you will be able to attend. I will ask Caroline Stephens here to get in touch with you when the timing has been settled.

MAP

5 November 1979



FROM SIR LEO PLIATZKY

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MR PATTISON

MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION

1. In paragraph 4 of my minute of 1 November I quoted figures of savings expected from a reduction in the number of the MSC's District Manpower Committees and Disablement Advisory Committees. These figures had been provided by the Department of Employment.
2. I today received another document from the Department, tucked away in which was a different and very much smaller figure of savings from these measures. I have queried this discrepancy, but have not yet had a satisfactory reconciliation. I will let you know the Department's eventual estimate in due course.
3. I am sending copies of this to Sir Ian Bancroft and Sir Derek Rayner.

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L.P.

LEO PLIATZKY

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MR PATTISON

MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION

1. I have already let you know that I found a discrepancy in the Department of Employment's estimate of savings from reducing the number of the MSC's advisory committees, and I have now had a revised estimate from them. Could you therefore amend the second sentence of paragraph 14 of my minute of 1 November to read "This should save an estimated £40,000 a year".
2. The estimate of a further £80,000 a year at a later stage still stands.

*L.P.*

LEO PLIATZKY

19 November 1979