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PRIME MINISTER

A note from Patrick Jenkin
is also attached.

PRESENTATION BY THE AUDIT COMMISSION: AFTER CABINET

The Audit Commission Chairman, Mr. John Read and their Controller (ie Chief Executive) Mr. John Banham, are giving a presentation after Cabinet business is concluded tomorrow. Cabinet starts at 1000 and they will be standing by from 1100.

After you have introduced Mr. Read and Mr. Banham, Mr. Read will say a few words before handing over to Mr. Banham who will give the presentation. This involves a slide show which will last about 15 minutes. Mr. Read and Mr. Banham are then expecting to answer questions etc, for a further quarter of an hour.

Mr. Banham's presentation will focus on the general theme of obtaining better value for money from local government. So far, he estimates that he has looked at areas accounting for about one-third of all local government expenditure, and he reckons there are efficiency savings of some £1 billion to be made in that area alone. He will be ready to talk in particular about the report on further education which caught some attention recently, if colleagues so wish.

|| You may like to know that both Mr. Read and Mr. Banham are on three year fixed contracts with the Commission. Mr. Read is Executive Chairman of the LEP Group, a freight forwarding concern which is doing very well at present. He returned this morning from a three weeks' visit to the FAR East. He is on the Board of the Red Cross. Mr. Banham is also from the private sector, and is a director of McKinseys.

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