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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

STAR CHAMBER

The Prime Minister this morning discussed with the Lord President the possible composition of the Star Chamber. They agreed that Mr. Biffen, Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Tebbit and of course the Lord President himself were certain candidates. Other likely candidates were Mr. Edwards, if he had settled his PES bid, and perhaps Mr. Younger, if he had settled too, though there was some doubt about whether both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Younger would need to be included. If not, the preference seemed to veer towards Mr. Edwards. The Prime Minister was also inclined to agree with the Lord President's suggestion that Mr. Kenneth Clarke should be a member.

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Star Chamber

The Prime Minister gave some preliminary consideration of the composition of the Star Chamber during her conversation this morning with the Lord President. Certain candidates were: Mr. Biffen, Mr. MacGregor, Mr. Tebbit and of course the Lord President himself. Other likely candidates were Mr. Edwards, if he had settled his PES bid, and perhaps Mr. Younger, if he had settled too although there was some doubt as to whether both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Younger need to be included. If not, the preference seemed to veer towards Mr. Edwards. The Prime Minister was also inclined to agree with the Lord President's suggestions that Mr. Kenneth Clarke should be included in the team.

Can I leave it to you to follow the composition up with the Prime Minister, the Lord President and the Cabinet Office.

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