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From the Private Secretary

18 June 1982

WAGES COUNCILS

The Prime Minister held a discussion yesterday with your Secretary of State about the possibilities for abolishing wages councils. Mr. Alan Walters was also present.

After discussion it was agreed that your Secretary of State would put proposals to E Committee that he should begin the process of moving to immediate abolition of a number of these councils. These might include several of the most absurd councils, for example that on ostrich feathers, as well as one or more of the more substantial councils, for example the retail food or non-food council. Your Secretary of State said that he would have a word with Mr. Pat Lowry about the likely attitude of ACAS to such a move.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright only.

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