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PRIME MINISTER

SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY REVIEWS

I have seen Norman Fowler's minute to you of 20 March. I don't know Mr Rowe or Mr Simpson personally but I was concerned to see that the latter was a member of the SSAC which produced such a critical report on the Housing Benefit changes. I do not object to their appointment to the Housing Benefit review but clearly the third appointment will be most important. No doubt Norman will clear the name with us in the same way.

2. While I am pleased that he will be in a position to announce all three reviews soon, I am concerned at the length of time it has taken to set them up. It is important that we have some results from these in the summer so that they can be taken into account in our public expenditure discussions in the autumn so that any necessary legislation can be introduced in 1985.

3. I am sending copies of this to the Lord President, the Secretaries of State for Social Services, the Environment, Education and Employment, the Lord Privy Seal and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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