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Could I see the Petst office paper please?

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MR ADDISON

I attach a plea from Sir Robin Ibbs in which he asks the Private Office to be on the lookout for any issue to which the Efficiency Unit might make a worthwhile contribution. He suggests that the key to identifying issues relevant to the Unit work is:

"Does this matter entail significant consideration of such questions as "can we get more here for the taxpayer's pound" including better management of civil service resources or improvement in management or performance in delivering policies."

This seems to me to be a reasonable request and I should be grateful if you all could be on the lookout, as I will, for the sort of issues identified by Sir Robin. I am sending a copy of this minute to Nick Owen so that the Policy Unit too can be on the lookout.

N. L. W.

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