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Civil Service Manpower Reductions:
Departmental Targets

1. I have seen the Lord President of the Council's minute of 7 November in which he suggests that an announcement should be made towards the end of this week about the departmental targets for the number of Civil Servants at 1 April 1984. As you know, the Lord Privy Seal explained on my behalf in Cabinet the difficulties that I foresaw in reaching the target proposed by the Lord President. My ability to do so depended to a considerable degree on the outcome of the review of the Department of Overseas Surveys and the India Office Library and Records. The result of the DOS review will be known in early December. I would therefore prefer that any announcement be deferred until next month.

2. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Lord President of the Council.

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