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Visit to the Department of Industry

The programme will be similar to the other Departmental visits - starting with the main discussion with Ministers and Deputy Secretaries, going on to lunch with a number of Under Secretaries, and then separate meetings with various staffs. The programme is at Flag A.

The topics which Sir Keith intends to cover at the main meeting in the morning are set out in the letter at Flag B. As regards the sectors to be discussed, it would probably be best to keep off steel. I would suggest you might focus particularly on the Post Office, vehicles, shipbuilding, electronics and aircraft - all problem sectors which we have had to deal with over the last six months.

At Flag C is a note on the DOI Rayner project. This is regarded as one of the best. It was carried out by David Holmes, a Principal, who came to the briefing meeting on BL and whom you will probably meet.

At Flag D is a note from CSD on manpower control and DOI - not very complimentary.

David Wolfson, Ian Gow and I will be accompanying you.

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