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SIR FRED ATKINSON

INDUSTRY ACT AMENDMENTS: THE "BRAY" SCHEDULE

The Chancellor has read Mr. Shepherd's minute of 6 August to you on which you advised as follows:-

"I paused over this, wondering whether there was an opportunity to relieve Ministers of some of the discomforts of publishing forecasts. But given the fact that the legislative requirements are loose, I agree with Mr. Shepherd that it is best to let sleeping dogs lie."

2. The Chancellor is less sure and has said that he would like to discuss briefly with Ministers in the light of the wider considerations bearing on the publication of the forecasts in the Autumn. This will have to await his and their return from holiday early in September. The Chancellor hopes that the Department of Industry deadline in two week's time need not be critical since the amending Bill presumably cannot be published until 22 October. If this is not so, perhaps you could let me know urgently.


A.M.W. BATTISHILL

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