



PRIME MINISTER

PSA ADVISORY GROUP

Keith Joseph sent me a copy of his minute to you of 11 November.

His proposals raise of course much bigger issues than we have so far considered for the future of the PSA. Obviously any such radical proposals would in any case take time to implement. I still have a major management task in a large specialist agency. Effectively, I am changing the members of the existing Advisory Board that has long since existed. But in practice the quality of the people I will recruit and the nature of the way I shall use them will help me to continue the streamlining process that I am undertaking and which any future organisation will need. I am closing no options, but I cannot achieve my manpower and public expenditure targets without continuing the process I have begun. I now need more specialist advice and commercial experience as the rundown throws up its inevitable problems, and as I am now past the easier and earlier stages.

I am glad that Keith agrees that Nigel Mobbs will make an excellent chairman.

I hope, therefore, that you can agree to my proceeding on the lines set out in my earlier minute.

I am copying this to Keith Joseph, Francis Pym, Christopher Soames, Geoffrey Howe and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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21 November 1980



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WITH JACOB sent a copy of his letter to you of 10 November.

The possible trial of some of the men is a matter that we must  
consider for the future of the U.S. Constitution. It is  
not clear that it would be any case to be considered. It  
will have a major impact on the future of the country.  
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