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MR. WHITMORE

c. Mr. Ingham OR

Presentation of the Government's Economic Strategy

The Paymaster General has now agreed Mr. Ingham's submission of 17 September (copy attached for reference) containing recommendations as to how the Government's economic strategy should be presented this autumn, and on my own role in the process. A letter will issue tomorrow from the Paymaster General to all Ministers exactly as drafted - Flag A - and the first two Economic Policy Presentation Notes will go out at the same time.

The Paymaster General agrees that it would be helpful if you would also write, expressing the Prime Minister's personal interest in this exercise, to Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet, and explaining to them that I shall need to be in touch with them. I have discussed with the Paymaster General the text of such a letter, and I now submit a draft, which the Paymaster has agreed, for your signature.

JOHN VEREKER

18 September 1980

*I am reluctant to write a campaign to this factor important though it is. Do other experts follow later. (Min. Ministers)*

*N.B. It is not that I want the effort to bring it down quite right, and I shall need to discuss it with Mr Vercher next week. But are you in principle content for me to write as proposed and in particular to use the sentence at X1?*

*can and will result under present circumstances in leading expectations. There are however other factors in the lack of staying competition.*

*but that I believe explanation of Lande and effort*

*the drafting of this letter is now*

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