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I have seen a copy of Derek Rayner's minute to you of 18 March. He has been good enough to keep closely in touch with Christopher Soames about this. In Christopher's absence in Zimbabwe I am writing to underline the importance of getting large scrutinies of manpower-intensive subjects in MOD and DHSS (Social Security) started later in the year. I think we should still aim for overall coverage of 40-50,000 as this year's scrutinies do the groundwork for the savings we must secure in 1982 and 1983.

I am sending copies of this to Sir Derek Rayner and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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