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From the Private Secretary

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MISC 14

The Cabinet on 17 June took note that the Prime Minister would arrange for the Ministers concerned to consider ways of further reducing the hindrances to employment identified in their discussion and in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's memorandum C(81)29.

The Prime Minister would like the Chancellor of the Exchequer to take the lead in this further work, and she suggests that he might use his Steering Group on Government Strategy (MISC 14) for this purpose. The main task of MISC 14 will be to ensure that the necessary work is put in hand and pursued urgently; when Ministers have specific proposals, requiring operational decisions, they should be put directly to the appropriate Ministerial committee for decision. The Prime Minister would like the Chancellor of the Exchequer to report to her before the Summer Recess on progress in following up the Cabinet's remit.

The Prime Minister understands that the Secretary of State for Employment is frequently invited to meetings at MISC 14. In view of his strong departmental interest in the work of the group, she would like him to attend, with the Secretaries of State for Industry and for the Environment, on a regular basis. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will no doubt continue to invite other Ministers to meetings of the group as necessary.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Industry, Employment and the Environment; for information, to the Private Secretaries of other Members of the Cabinet; and to Robin Ibbs and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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