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You handed to me this morning a letter which you had not sent (dated 29th June) and a draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to Cabinet colleagues about Geoffrey's role for the next Manifesto.

You and I had agreed that, in fact, it would not be appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a letter to her Cabinet colleagues, but that it would be better for her to have a word about this after the main Cabinet business is over.

The Prime Minister would like you and Geoffrey to submit to her your joint recommendations for the terms of reference and membership for the Groups concerned.

Could you please let me have your thoughts about this. You and I can then discuss the matter with the Prime Minister.

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I wonder whether the Prime Minister could send a letter to Cabinet colleagues along the lines of the enclosed draft.

Geoffrey Howe would be in a better position to involve the cooperation of colleagues in defining the terms of reference of the Policy Groups, and selecting members, if his appointment as joint convenor of the Groups (with me) had been notified.

I do not think any public announcement is called for.

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DRAFT LETTER PRIME MINISTER TO CABINET COLLEAGUES

In discussion with Cecil Parkinson I have decided that the time is right for setting up a small range of policy groups. These groups will explore salient policy areas from the point of view of the manifesto and the period of Conservative administration beyond.

I have asked Geoffrey Howe to work with Cecil (and with Peter Cropper) on identifying terms of reference and membership for the groups. They will aim to ensure that all sections of the Party are represented in this work.

PC/lf
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Prime MinisterPOLICY GROUPS

1. This is just to remind you that, at the end of today's Cabinet, you had in mind (without officials being there) to say a word to your Cabinet colleagues about the proposed Policy Study Groups.
2. After discussion with Cecil Parkinson you have asked Geoffrey Howe to assume overall responsibility for 10 (?) Policy Groups which will identify tasks for the next Conservative Administration and which will assist in the preparation of our Manifesto.
3. It is intended that these Policy Groups will report before the end of March 1983.
4. Geoffrey and Cecil have discussed the names of those who might become Chairman of each Policy Group. Geoffrey will want to discuss these names with Ministers concerned, before submitting a list of the Chairmen to you for your final approval. It will be up to the Chairman of each group, in conjunction with Geoffrey, to decide on the composition of each Study Group.
5. At present the subjects which are to be considered are:-
 - Unemployment
 - Enterprise
 - Family
 - Choice
 - Education
 - Cities
 - Why Work?
 - Europe
 - Nationalised Industries
 - Urban Transport

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| 1. Unemployment | | Renton | Higgins |
| 2. Enterprise | | Patten | Lloyd (Wickenden) |
| 3. Family | | Young | |
| 4. Choice | | Hoskyns | |
| 5. Education | | Beloff | Rumbold |
| 6. Cities | | Sainsbury | Wheeler |
| 7. Why Work ? | Prof. Issa | ALAN | Prest Eggar |
| 8. Europe | | Hugh Thomas | Aneram |
| 9. Nationalised Industries | | Marshall | Higgins |
| 10. Urban Transport | | Neubert | |

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