

## **10 DOWNING STREET**

THE PRIME MINISTER

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Many thanks for your letter of 28 November and the stimulating suggestion you make of 'a new Beveridge'. I am sure that you will, as always, produce an original and highly readable report which will be of great value to us. I understand that Nigel Lawson and Norman Fowler would be glad to let you have reasonable access to official material in their Departments.

I shall await your conclusions eagerly. It will be wonderful to have an independent report of such high academic standing.

I should also be pleased to meet you and Ralph Harris and Hugh Thomas in the New Year to discuss the project.

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The Lord Vaizey.