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unshaken admiration  
by Friday lunchtime,  
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CHIEF SECRETARY

Census Debate Speech

I attach a first draft of the Census Debate speech for you to look at tonight, before we meet to discuss it tomorrow morning. I have tried as far as possible to follow the outline you sent me this morning, except that as you know, we are hoping to be able to turn the announcement on an unemployment package into the centrepiece of the speech. The Prime Minister wishes also to incorporate a passage on privatisation, and I indicate where it might go (the Department of Industry are going to provide a draft).

Mr. Tebbit has, as was agreed during the Prime Minister's meeting yesterday, just provided some good news examples, too late for incorporation into the present draft; I may be able to whittle them down to a couple of sheets we could look at tomorrow. But I think the draft is already too long, and I have indicated passages which might be omitted.

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