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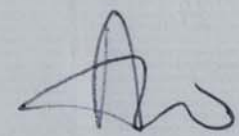
MR. SCHOLAR

STUDY ON UNEMPLOYMENT

I understand the CPRS study is expected to be submitted to No 10 around the end of August; I would then anticipate being able to comment upon it for the Prime Minister in early September on my return from the IMF meetings. The parallel study, which I am supervising, by Patrick Minford is also scheduled to be ready in early September.

The Prime Minister could therefore expect to have both reports with her prior to her departure for her Far East trip on 16 September. Discussions could then take place after her return which would be well before the next critical economic policy decision date, namely that of benefits uprating due to be announced in November.

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