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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG
CABINET OFFICE

Changes in Cabinet Committees

I have shown your minute A05597 of 23 September 1981 to the Prime Minister, and she has approved your proposals for changes in the membership of MISC 14 and MISC 56. She agrees that Sir Keith Joseph should remain a member of MISC 14 if he would like to do so.

E. A. WHITMORE

24 September 1981

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Prime Minister

Agree these proposals?

Yes

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MR WHITMORE

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I should be grateful if you would seek the Prime Minister's views on the membership of two MISC groups: MISC 14 on Government Strategy and MISC 56 on Energy Prices.

2. The Secretaries of State for Industry and Employment have been members of MISC 14 on Government Strategy. I think that the Prime Minister would wish Mr Jenkin and Mr Tebbit to be members. I doubt whether Mr Prior should continue; but it is for consideration whether Sir Keith Joseph should be invited to continue to serve on this Group à titre personnel, if he would like to do so, even though he is not concerned by virtue of his new Departmental responsibilities.

Yes
Yes

2. The Secretaries of State for Industry and Energy are members of MISC 56 on Energy Prices. Again I think that Mr Jenkin and Mr Lawson should be members, as their predecessors were. In this case I should have thought that the balance of argument was against inviting either Sir Keith Joseph or Mr Howell to continue to serve on the Group.

Should

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

23 September 1981