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FROM: CHIEF SECRETARY

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PRIME MINISTER

## REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE

I have seen John Moore's minute to you of 29 February. I agree with him that the proposals in Sir Roy Griffiths' report require further collective consideration. I should of course like my officials to be associated with any work which is done before further proposals are put to us.

2 I note that the Wagner report is to be published by the National Institute of Social Work on 9 March. I have just received John's letter about this and look forward to the collective discussion he proposes.

3 I agree with John in thinking that the best way of handling Sir Roy's report is a low key publication on the lines he suggests. I am just a little doubtful, though, about John's saying nothing more on 8 March than that he has received the report and that it will be published on 16 March; that might arouse expectations of a substantive response. I suggest that it might be better to use the proposed draft reply on 8 March, simply amending the first paragraph to read something like "I have received Sir Roy Griffiths' report; I am arranging for its publication on 16 March, and copies will then be placed in the libraries of both Houses." Then nothing need to said on 16 March.

4 I am also content with John's proposed statement on the Wagner report.

5 I am copying my letter to members of E(A) and Sir Robin Butler.

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