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MEETING ON COMMUNITY CARE: 19 APRIL

I apologise for the daunting pile of paper in the folder. This note is an attempt to sort the wheat from the chaff. The papers are:

✓ Flag A: short steering brief by Richard Wilson. You have not seen this before. It provides an invaluable check list of the key points to cover.

✓ Flag B: the fuller note by Richard Wilson which you saw over the weekend, setting out his thoughts on a possible phased approach.

✓ Flag C: the promised paper from Ken Clarke, which has now arrived. It comprises a short covering minute - which you should read and a long attached paper by officials - which I suggest you skip.

✓ Flag D: latest brief from Ian Whitehead, which you will want to go through.

Flag E: minute from the Chief Secretary, expressing his doubts about some aspects of the package. Not essential pre-reading if you give each of the Ministers a chance to raise their concerns in the meeting.

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Flag F: John Moore's note expressing his more serious doubts. Again not essential pre-reading.

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Flag G: a letter to me from Roy Griffiths. No-one else has seen this, even Kenneth Clarke. This follows a long talk I had with Roy in which I sought to explain to him your latest thinking on the reasons why he would not be attending tomorrow's meeting. You may like quickly to glance at this. Although he continues to intrude on essentially political

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decisions, his doubts about divorcing budgetary and decision-taking functions do have validity; and are echoed by John Major and John Moore.

Flag H: the separate Kenneth Clarke paper on mental illness. You saw this over the weekend. It is the main paper for the second part of the discussion.

Flag I: Peter Walker's paper, which again you saw over the weekend.

*Charles Walker*

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