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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING ON COMMUNITY CARE: 20 JUNE

You have a further meeting of your group of Ministers considering Community Care on Tuesday. You may like over the weekend to go through the papers. These are:

Flag A - Steering brief by the Cabinet Office setting out the main issues to be settled.

Flag B - Main Cabinet Office paper on the issues remitted for further work at the last meeting. This is written in the same helpful form as the paper you discussed at the last meeting.

Flag C - Briefing note from Ian Whitehead setting out his detailed comments on the issues in the Flag B paper.

Flag D - Further note from Ian Whitehead in which he returns to the doubts he expressed before the last meeting about the way the package is developing. Your feeling last time was that it was too late to go back on key decisions.

The other papers are less important, and it would not be the end of the world if there was not time to discuss them on Tuesday.:

Flag E - Paper by Kenneth Clarke on services for the mentally ill in England.

Flag F - Parallel paper on mental illness in Wales by Peter Walker.

(Briefing on these two papers will be available on Monday. But you will see that there is a proposed different approach in the two

countries; in England Ken Clarke proposes that all services for the mentally ill (though not the handicapped) should fall to the health authorities, whereas in Wales Peter Walker wants the services to remain split between the health authorities and local authorities.)

Flag G - Paper by Ken Clarke on the resources implications. This looks to be no more than a marker that he wants more money. I doubt if this needs much discussion in your group, and should be remitted to the various responsible Ministers to sort out with the Chief Secretary.

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