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PRIME MINISTER

The Policy Unit, with an eye to the Party Conference, are concerned about lack of progress on drugs.

They may well be right. But I am not sure that the meeting which they suggest is necessarily the best way of taking things forward. You will want to avoid undermining the work being done under David Mellor's Chairmanship.

If you agree, I might

- ✓ (i) register with Departments your concern that the Government should have a coherent and effective set of proposals to put forward;
- ✓ (ii) invite the Policy Unit to pursue their specific proposals with officials.

Content?

Yes

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I think it would be better if I signed a "Stiletto" letter - the policy unit paper reveals such an appalling position that we can't wait a moment longer