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SOCIAL SECURITY REVIEW

Since I am visiting the United States this week, I shall miss our resumed discussion at Cabinet of social security matters, including future pensions arrangements. I therefore wish to record my strong support for the proposals on pensions which Norman Fowler is bringing forward to Cabinet with the agreement of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I also support Norman Fowler's proposals on other social security matters, discussed in C(85)9, with which we were unable to deal last week.

(attached)

2 I am copying this minute to Nigel Lawson, Norman Fowler, other Cabinet colleagues, the Paymaster General, the Chief Whip and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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