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2. To expedite matters, it will be necessary for you to transfer to a new office somewhere in the Treasury Buildings or in the Premier's Office, and take on some skeleton staff, which I have no doubt you will be able to obtain from the Treasury and/or from the Economic Division of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Community Development; and get to work in producing a working plan, which would lead to the objective which the proposed Department is expected to fulfil.

3. In view of this new project, I have decided to abolish the post of Head of Service and of the Chief Secretary to the Government with immediate effect. I propose to adopt the same arrangement as the other Regions for looking after the affairs of the Service, without a Head of Service who is so designated, and propose to seek the cooperation of the Public Service Commission in this regard.

4. I visualize that you will have to do a lot of study and hold consultations with the Honourable Minister of Finance, the Public Service Commission, the Treasury and perhaps with some outside Agencies who may be able to give you some useful ideas at this initial stage about working out detailed schedules of your new duties and the staff required.

5. Please note that I am not unmindful of the proposals set out in your minutes with regard to the re-grouping of

certain divisions, old and new, and putting them under you. From the directive I have given above it would be clear to you that I attach considerable importance to getting the new Department going and would not like anything to impede you in the process. Thus by relieving you of the extraneous responsibilities of the Headship of the Treasury and of the Service I expect you to have enough time to devote to the new assignment and to show substantial results of your efforts at no distant date.

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3. I have given very serious consideration to this matter and I have come to the conclusion that the best way to achieve this is to set up a special Department under the Headship of a very senior official who must be a trained Economist with considerable experience and knowledge of the actual and potential manpower and other economic resources of this Region and how they can be harnessed. He must be sufficiently free to move about and hold consultations as may be necessary with the Federal Government and other agencies both local and abroad with a view to stimulating the interest of foreign, commercial and industrial entrepreneurs in, and to promoting in general, the economic development of this Region. His activities and the contacts which he would make in this position would make him admirably suitable to act as ^{Chief} ~~General~~ Adviser to Government on general economic matters.

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- (i) To study the six-year development programme.
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5. It is my aim that this new department which will be designated..... should be directly responsible to me, and it will be given adequate supporting staff to enable it to carry out its functions efficiently. At the same time, it will be in regular and constant communication with the Ministry of Economic Planning and Community Development.

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