CABINET

RENT RESTRICTION

Memorandum by the Minister of Housing
and Local Government

On 8th October the Cabinet agreed that a slice of the higher valued houses should be released from rent control at once (C.M.(56) 65th Conclusions, Minute 5).

2. The Committee of Ministers on the Rent Restriction Acts have considered this matter and recommend that the houses to be decontrolled, in the forthcoming Rent Bill, should be those whose rateable value is over £40 in the Metropolitan Area and over £30 elsewhere in England and Wales. This would have the effect of releasing about 2 million houses.

3. I invite my colleagues to approve this recommendation.

D.S.

Ministry of Housing and
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