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COMMENTS ON THE COMMITTEE REPORT

I have had a couple of comments on the Cadbury Committee Report which I will pass on before I forget them:

- (a) is the text of the Code as set out in the appendix to the report, or is that a just brief indication of the subject headings and is the Code really the full text of paragraphs to which reference is made. I suggest we need to make that clear;
- (b) we are enjoining the Code on the boardroom, and giving the auditors a substantive role, whilst the partnerships of which the auditors are members, are not required to report anything like the information, with outside verification, which they will enjoin on companies.

These are points which have been made to me by the Chief Executive of a ubstantial listed company, who is himself an accountant by background, who vade the point, 'quis custodiet ipsos custodes' with some asperity.