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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Local Government Finance

The Prime Minister understands that your Secretary of State is proceeding with his review of local government finance and that, as part of the review, he has had informal discussions with those Ministers most directly concerned with the subject.

As Mr. Heseltine knows, this is a matter in which, because of its political and financial significance, the Prime Minister takes a very close interest, and she would be grateful if he could let her have, as soon as is convenient, a progress report on the review.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Wiggins (HM Treasury), Godfrey Robson (Scottish Office), John Craig (Welsh Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours war,

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