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From the Private Secretary

10 December 1979

MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE OF MILK

It was agreed in Cabinet last week that the maximum retail price of milk should be increased by 1½ p per pint with effect from a date not earlier than 1 February 1980, and that the precise date should be decided between the Prime Minister and the Minister of Agriculture.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Walker have now considered the timing point, and have agreed that the new price should come into operation on Sunday 17 February. They have also agreed that the increase should be announced shortly before the House rises for the Christmas Recess.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet including the Minister of Transport, and to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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