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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 November 1979

Dear Horace

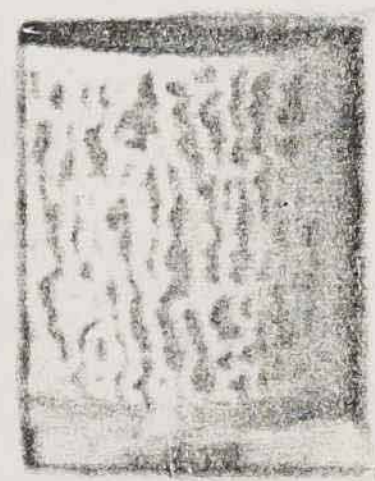
Thank you for writing to me on 24 October with a firm statement of your views on councillors' allowances.

I understand the strength of your feelings, and I would find it difficult to quarrel with the parallels you draw.

I hope you will understand why this is not the moment for major increases in allowances, nor for significant changes in central government controls on those allowances.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret*

Sir Horace Cutler, O.B.E.



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