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Our reference TXV 408/301/1/1
TXW 408/309/3
Date
6 December 1979

Dear Mr Sanders

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION: VISIT OF PREMIER HUA AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO GERMANY

Mr Bryant Godman Irvine (Rye), Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, has sent the Secretary of State a letter from a constituent, Mr J B McCullough, asking about the costs of the State Visit of Premier Hua and the Prime Minister's visit to Germany.

/ I attach copies of the two letters together with a proposed draft reply from the Lord Privy Seal. As you will see we have to put up a reply tomorrow, 7 December, so I should be grateful for your comments by 12 o'clock if possible.

With apologies for a late job

Yours sincerely
Roxana Chapman

for P T Metcalfe (Miss)
Protocol and Conference Department

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House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

Lord Privy Seal
Telephone No. Ext.

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.....In Confidence

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 November enclosing a letter from your constituent, Mr J B McCullough.

2. I suggest the following reply (which has been cleared with the Prime Minister's office) to the first paragraph of Mr McCullough's letter.

'The main cost of Premier Hua's visit was borne by the Government Hospitality Fund who estimate that their costs will be £70,000. The final total covering all expenditure borne by GHF and some other Government Departments will not be to hand for some time.

The Prime Minister's visit to Germany is estimated to have cost £1,891.'

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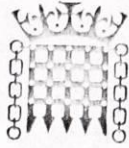
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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS
AND DEPUTY SPEAKER

27th November, 1979

Dear Secretary of State

I enclose herewith a letter I have received from my constituent Mr. J.B. McCullough, and would be grateful for a reply which I can forward to him regarding the first paragraph of his letter.

Yours sincerely
Bryant Goldman Irvine

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Dear Sir

I shall be most obliged if
you will let me know as soon as
possible the total cost to the taxpayers
of the state visit of Chairman ~~to~~
also the visit of Mrs Thatcher to Germany.

I should also like to know if
the subsidy given to MP's meals at
the House of Commons is now to be taken
away in view of the fact that the New
Education Bill will deprive many poor
children from free school meals & others
will have to pay larger payments for
same.

I shall be obliged if you will
let me have all the above information
as soon as possible yours faithfully

J J McCallough

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a FOI Exemption.

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29 September 2009