



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 March 1980

Dear Anne

Your Minister called on the Prime Minister yesterday for a general talk about matters for which he has responsibility.

There are no specific action points requiring follow up. As we have already discussed, the Prime Minister asked your Minister to let her have a note on the progress made in his field since the Government took office. No doubt this is now in hand.

There was some discussion on the Channel Tunnel, about which I will be writing to you separately. I should perhaps also mention that there was an exchange about commuter fares and the prospect of a further round of British Rail fare increases in the current year. The Prime Minister made clear her considerable concern at this prospect, and welcomed the revised licensing arrangements in the Transport Bill which will enable alternatives to rail transport to offer regular services to commuters.

Yours ever
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