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From the Private Secretary

13 November 1981

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Dear Brian,

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

As you know, the Prime Minister has decided to hold a series of meetings with Ministers to discuss the public expenditure items which remain disagreed following the conclusion of the work of MISC 62.

The meeting on Foreign Office and overseas aid expenditure is planned for Thursday 19 November at 1915 hours, on the assumption that the Foreign Secretary has returned from Brussels by that time. If the Foreign Secretary is delayed in Brussels the meeting is to take place at 1800 hours on Friday 20 November. Apart from the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor, Chief Secretary and Home Secretary will also be present. The Prime Minister thinks that it would be helpful for the meeting to have before it, as a basis for discussion, the attached note on Foreign Office and overseas aid expenditure, which is extracted from the Annex to the draft paper which the Home Secretary is preparing for circulation to Cabinet on the work of MISC 62.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), John Halliday (Home Office), Terry Mathews (Chief Secretary's Office HM Treasury) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

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