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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

9 December 1981

Dear John,

Budget Papers

The Prime Minister has been having some preliminary thoughts about Budget security. She is most anxious that there should be no leak of the 1982 Budget and wishes circulation of papers to be as restricted as possible to that end. Within No. 10 Downing Street she has decided that the only people besides herself to see Budget papers should be: Mr. Whitmore, myself, Mr. Hoskyns and Mr. Walters. We would be grateful if you would send simply one copy here addressed to me; I will make only one copy of this which will be shared between Messrs. Hoskyns and Walters.

I would be grateful if you would let me know in due course what Budget security arrangements you are proposing for this year.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Schelen

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