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*From the Private Secretary*

18 October 1984

PAYMENTS TO STRIKING MINERS FOR MORTGAGE INTEREST

The substance of your letter to me of 16 October was discussed at Cabinet today. As the minutes will record, your Secretary of State undertook to bring forward proposals to change the legislation as a matter of urgency.

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The Prime Minister has asked whether there are any similar issues on which changes in the regulations should be made. Possibilities are first, the £15 deduction which is in any case due for up-rating in line with the RPI; and the question of whether miners on strike should remain eligible for SB (though they would continue to receive contributory sickness benefit).

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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