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From the Private Secretary

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PAYMENT OF STRIKERS' HOUSING COSTS

The Prime Minister has seen the proposals in H(84)41. She has commented that while they maintain parity of treatment between strikers in rented accommodation and those paying mortgages, they are, in effect, unfair to working miners who have to meet their housing costs in full. She suggests that the payments to Building Societies should be in the form of a loan, recoverable by the Government six months after the end of the strike.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of H Committee, Michael Reidy (Department of Energy) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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