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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 November, 1984

PAYMENT OF STRIKERS' HOUSING COSTS

The Prime Minister has seen the Lord President's report of the discussion in H Committee and agrees that, the Secretary of State for Social Services should proceed with the proposals he put to the Committee. She was pleased to see that her suggestion that payments relating to mortgage interest should be in the form of a loan is being considered further. She feels that, for the time being, this should be confined to those on strike.

She has noted that the loophole identified on housing benefit is being blocked.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet and to Alex Galloway (Paymaster General's Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

(Andrew Turnbull)

Miss J. Lewis-Jones,
Lord President's Office

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'AS' or similar initials.