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*Dear John,*

**WESTLANDS**

The Chancellor is most disturbed that neither this office nor the Chief Secretary's received any advance warning of last night's meeting on Westlands despite the fact that our officials had asked to be kept in touch with developments. We heard nothing until 12.20 am when I was rung at home by the No.10 Duty Clerk. By that time of course the meeting was already in session at the House.

You have explained to me that the situation changed very rapidly during the course of the evening and that the idea of the meeting developed at a very late hour. Nevertheless this office was open until 11.30 pm and thereafter I was available at home. We could have taken delivery of our copy of Andrew Lansley's letter to Charles Powell at the time at which it was delivered to No.10; and even half an hour's notice that there were decisions pending would have prevented the Chancellor going into the meeting completely unbriefed.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell (No.10).

*Yours ever  
Rachel*

RACHEL LOMAX  
Principal Private Secretary