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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 November 1983

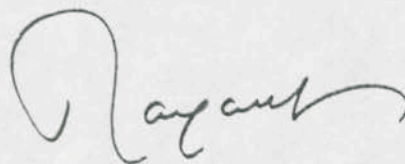
Dear Peter,

I know what a burden the public expenditure survey puts on the Chief Secretary, and I felt that I should write to say to you that the outcome of this year's survey has been very satisfactory. For the Government to be able to show that it is holding public expenditure within its published plans is very important for the credibility of its financial strategy.

That this has been achieved owes a great deal to your work as Chief Secretary. Your remit was a difficult one but you pursued it with skill, determination and good humour.

I am very grateful to you and to all those in the Treasury who have supported you.

Yours ever



The Rt. Hon. Peter Rees, Q.C., M.P.

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15th November

My dear Prime Minister,

It was extremely kind of you, with your many other pre-occupations to write to me about the out-come of the Public Expenditure Round. I will, if I may, pass on the gist of your

Remarks to those who  
helped me in the Treasury.  
Their support to a novice  
Chief Secretary was magnificent.

But I should add  
that I am very conscious that  
without your unstinted  
moral support and interest  
and without the support



of Willie and other  
colleagues in Misc 99  
the outcome and atmosphere  
might have been rather  
different.

With gratitude,

Yours sincerely

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