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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

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PRIME MINISTER

RENUMERATION OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

I regret that I shall be unable to attend the forthcoming discussion at E(A) of proposals to increase the fees for publicly-funded work undertaken by the legal profession.

I know that colleagues have no wish to see a repetition of the row which followed the Top Salaries Review Body award, least of all at this time. There is, of course, no real comparison between that situation and this. On TSRB, we had a clear view of the merits of the case, politically difficult as they were. On legal fees, we do not appear to see so clear a case, nor can one be immediately established. We have seen often how unconvincing can be the results of consultants' reports on salary levels, particularly when commissioned by the demandeurs themselves, and the more so when based on arguments of comparability. I think colleagues would wish to see the matter fully appraised by officials.

I understand that we risk an explosive reaction in the legal profession if we fail to make a substantial offer, ie way beyond inflation. Equally, we risk a highly damaging public row if we were to implement such large (interim) increases, undermining severely not only our credibility on public sector pay, but also on the terms of the Public Expenditure White Paper settlement, our determination to hold to published expenditure targets, and our arguments, in other contexts, that we must limit the extent of additional public expenditure commitments.

I am quite clear that we would be running a grave risk politically if we were now to make a rushed concession on the scale which Quintin, Michael and Patrick are seeking. There will never be a good time for such increases in fees, but there could hardly be a worse one than at present.

I am copying this to Quintin Hailsham, Douglas Hurd, other members of E(A), Michael Havers, Patrick Mayhew, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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31 January 1986

МОСКВА БЕСПЛАТНО

Ваше письмо получено 15.05.86 г. в 14.00 ч. Мск. Просим вас подождать ответа.

С уважением,
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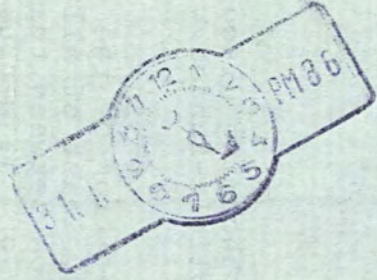
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