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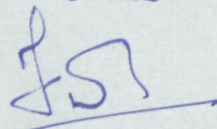
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Dear Andrew,

We spoke last month about the circulation of the provisional money supply figures ahead of publication and you said you would consider whether it was necessary for the No 10 press office to be told the figures in advance of their publication.

Given the high market sensitivity of these figures we have taken further steps in the Treasury to restrict the list of people with advance knowledge of them; I understand that the Bank have taken similar action. So far as our own desk press officers are concerned the figures will not be circulated to them until 2 pm on the day of publication (ie half an hour before publication). If on reflection you still feel that your own officers must be told the numbers in advance, I hope that you will at least be able to follow a similar timetable.

The next figures, of course, are published next Tuesday.

Yours sincerely  


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We checked with Cabinet  
office to get more details  
of our letter sent in 1979  
(It was not clear from their  
letter).

They said it would be easier  
to send us a copy, as  
it dealt with many types  
of Statistics.

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1. Mr Tugham - for info

2. Mr Turnbull - return.

We agreed we would try to live with new arrangement for a couple of months but if it proved to be unworkable then Mr Turnbull would approach HM/T for a relaxation.

He has assured HM/T that 10/10 press office only receive an outline of the figures for guidance early in the day & our account would give them out in advance

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