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25 January 1983



Dear John,

PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL OF EXPENDITURE (REFORM) BILL

As you know, the Lord President was invited by Cabinet last week to consider with the Chief Whip who should speak for the Government during the passage of this Bill.

The Lord President's view, with which the Chief Whip agrees, is that the weight of those who support the Bill in the House requires that a Cabinet Minister should speak on behalf of the Government at Second Reading and take the Bill through Committee. The Lord President and Chief Whip therefore consider that, if the Chancellor of the Exchequer agrees, it would be most appropriate for the Chief Secretary to handle the Bill.

I am copying this to Willie Rickett (No 10) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

Yours ever,

David

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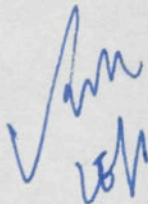
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With the Compliments
of the
Private Secretary
to the

Lord President of the Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large checkmark-like symbol followed by several loops and a final flourish.