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From the Principal Private Secretary

31 January 1983

FIVE YEAR FORWARD LOOKS

Michael Scholar wrote to you on 20 January agreeing that it would be useful if the Treasury prepared a commentary on the five year forward looks which can then be used as background to the exercise on long-term public expenditure.

The Prime Minister considers that these minutes would also be a useful source of material on the programme of a further Conservative Government, alongside the material which is being prepared by the Conservative Party Policy Groups under the supervision of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The five year forward looks contain a lot of sensitive material and they should not go outside the Government. So the Prime Minister has suggested that it would be useful if Mr. Peter Cropper produced an analysis of them on the basis that

- a. he does so in his capacity as special adviser to Mr. Parkinson;
- b. the papers do not go out of Government offices.

I am therefore sending a copy of this letter with a complete set of the papers to Alex Galloway (Chancellor of the Duchy's office) for him to make available to Mr. Cropper on the basis set out above.

I am also copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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List of enclosures sent to Keith Long
(Chancellor of the Duchy's office)

Departmental Forward Looks:-	<u>Date</u>
HMT to PM	23.12.82
DHSS to PM	23.12.82
Defence to PM	24.12.82
Lord Chancellor to PM	22.12.82
Home Secretary to PM	18.12.82
Employment to PM	23.12.82
Transport to PM	22.12.82
Northern Ireland to PM	20.12.82
Industry to PM	22.12.82
Lord Privy Seal to PM	22.12.82
Energy to PM	22.12.82
Scottish Office	23.12.82
Education and Science to PM	22.12.82
FCS to PM	17.12.82
MAFF to PM	20.12.82
Welsh Office to PM	30.12.82
DOE to PM	23.12.82
Minister for the Arts to MCS	23.12.82
Department of Trade to PM	24.12.82

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From the Private Secretary

20 January 1983

Five Year Forward Looks

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor had a word this afternoon about the Five Year Forward Looks which Departments have produced.

The Prime Minister said that she would find it helpful if the Chancellor had a note prepared within the Treasury which brought together all these Forward Looks and which identified the public expenditure implications and drew attention to any gaps in them and overlaps between them.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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