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From the Principal Private Secretary

20 July 1988

Dear Alan,

This is just to follow up our conversations of the last few days.

As you know, your public statements have become the subject of intense political interest here and the media are using what you say to create stories of rifts and antagonism between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I know that this is exactly the opposite of what you intended, but that is how the press and the Government's enemies are playing the issue. As I told you on the telephone, and I know that the Prime Minister takes this view, if you are to return here, you must refrain from all public comment which could have, or be interpreted as having, any bearing on British economic policy. You readily agreed to do this when we spoke. I know that this is for the best.

Yours only

Nigel

N. L. Wicks

Professor Sir Alan Walters

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cc: Duty Clerk

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Dear Patrick,

Here is the letter to Alan Walters. I should be grateful if you could arrange for it to be telegraphed to Washington and delivered to Alan at his Washington address directly he wakes up at, say, 7.30 Washington time this morning. The signed text can follow by bag in the normal way. Could someone confirm to us here - by telephone to the Duty Clerk if that is most convenient - that the letter has been delivered to Alan.

Please could you ensure that knowledge of the letter is kept to the most limited circle, i.e. your Private Office and those concerned with its transmission in the FCO.

Alan's home address in Washington is:

2820 P. Street N.W.
Washington D.C. 20007

Yours sincerely

N. L. Wicks

FCO confirmed
letter delivered on time
N.W. informed 20/7.

N. L. Wicks

Sir Patrick Wright, K.C.M.G.

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PRIME MINISTER

I think that it would be as well if I write to Alan Walters to reinforce my conversations with him of the last day or so. I attach what I propose to say. I know that Alan would not receive it ill.

Content for me to write?

N. L. W.

Yes

N. L. Wicks

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19 July 1988