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From the Principal Private Secretary

24 October 1988

Des Ala,

I am very glad that you so readily agreed to pull out of the IEA Cato Institute Conference, at which you are billed to give a lecture on "Reaganomics, Thatcher economics and the future". Even though you undertook over a year ago to give this lecture, I am sure that this is the right decision. As you know from my letter of 20 July, the Prime Minister thinks that you should refrain from all public comment which could have, or be interpreted as having, any bearing on British economic policy. This contribution to the IEA/Cato Institute would seem to fall within that category.

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Professor Sir Alan Walters

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