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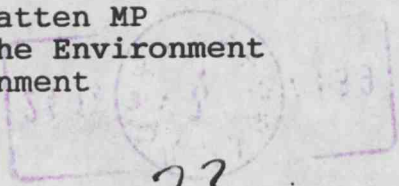
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Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street SW1P 3AG

The Rt Hon Christopher Patten MP
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23 October 1989

Dear Chris

COMMUNITY CHARGES: STANDARD SPENDING ASSESSMENTS *Are with PG*

Thank you for copying me your minute of 10 October to the Prime Minister setting out your proposals for standard spending assessments. I have also seen Cecil Parkinson's minute of 16 October, John MacGregor's letter of 16 October and the Prime Minister's views contained in her Private Secretary's letter of 16 October.

2 I am content with your proposals. On the treatment of capital receipts, I support your approach of distributing grant taking into account local authorities' access to receipts, which Cecil Parkinson has now accepted.

3 I am copying this letter to members of E(LG) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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