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From the Principal Private Secretary

TIM SUTTON
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COMMUNITY CHARGE

Thank you for copying to me your minute of 12 March about the Lord President's liability for the Community Charge. Clearly with most authorities charging the maximum possible standard charge, no individual authority has much incentive to query what choices a two person household makes. The only difference is where the money comes from.

I think you need to establish how much time the Lord President spends at Summerfold compared to Atterbury Street. You need to be able to protect the Lord President from the accusation that he has gained unreasonably by the choice of principal residence, since the choice of Summerfold appears to mean that the charge on Atterbury Street becomes a standard charge, which is the liability of the MOD.

I am copying this minute to Sir Robin Butler.

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ANDREW TURNBULL
13 March 1990

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