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From the Private Secretary

5 April 1990

Dear Roger,

COMMUNITY CHARGE REBATES

As you know, the Prime Minister held a meeting this morning to discuss the community charge. I will circulate a record of that meeting shortly. In the meantime, there is one other point which arose that needs to be followed up.

Now that the registration for community charge is complete, chargepayers will be receiving their first bills. There may be chargepayers who, particularly at the time of registration, did not appreciate that they might be eligible for community charge benefit because their incomes are above those of housing benefit recipients. Registration also took place before the Budget announcement of increases in the capital limits governing eligibility for community charge rebates.

Your Minister of State agreed to consider, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, whether a further round of press advertisements and other publicity to make people aware of their entitlement to rebates would be appropriate at this stage.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Gieve (HM Treasury), Carys Evans (Chief Secretary's Office, HM Treasury), Robert Canniff (Office of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours,
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