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Prime Minister

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- 1. Stephen Sherborne 2/4/2
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Andrew Turnbull Esq
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Dear Andrew,

RATES AND REVALUATION IN SCOTLAND

Following the discussion at Chequers last Sunday the Secretary of State has asked me to let you have the text of the resolution on the subject of rates which has been selected for debate at the Scottish Conservative Party Conference in Perth in May. The words of the resolution chosen (out of 48 submitted) are as follows:-

"This Conference, considering that the credibility of Her Majesty's Government is seriously damaged by the failure to replace rates with a fairer system of local government financing, demands that immediate action be taken to fulfil the Conservative Party's commitment to introduce a more equitable system."

X | The Secretary of State's intention, which I believe he has discussed with the Prime Minister, would be to reply himself to the debate on this motion and to accept it on behalf of the Government.

I am copying this letter to Steven Sherbourne and to John Ballard.

Yours sincerely,
John Graham

J S GRAHAM
Private Secretary



1. Mr. Turnbull
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10 DOWNING STREET

15th April 1985

Dear Jim

I am replying to your letter of 2nd April, addressed to Andrew Turnbull, which the Prime Minister has only just seen because of her tour in the Far East.

You should be aware of what she has minuted in relation to the resolution on rates which has been chosen for the Scottish Conference:-

"We can't take immediate action - that will have to be explained."

Yours

Steven

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE
Political Secretary

J S Graham Esq
P/S Secretary of State for Scotland

cc. ~~Robin Butler~~