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Dear David,

EXCHANGE MARKET INTERVENTION

In the light of their discussion yesterday evening, the Chancellor thought the Prime Minister might like to see the attached table, showing changes in the reserves since 1979.

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Principal Private Secretary

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CHANGES IN THE RESERVES (SPOT AND FORWARD) 1979-1986

(\$ million)

| | Market | Off-market | Total intervention | Net borrowing | Total change in reserves before revaluation | Revaluation |
|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|---|-------------|
| 1979 | +5,180 | - 750 | +4,430 | -1,730 | +2,700 | +4,490 |
| 1980 | +2,020 | +1,660 | +3,680 | -2,200 | +1,480 | +2,900 |
| 1981 | -1,450 | + 50 | -1,400 | -3,280 | -4,680 | - 260 |
| 1982 | -1,130 | -1,350 | -2,480 | - 580 | -3,060 | -4,220 |
| 1983 | +1,870 | -2,600 | - 730 | + 190 | - 540 | +1,050 |
| 1984 | +2,050 | -3,160 | -1,110 | - 100 | -1,210 | - 980 |
| 1985 | +1,270 | -1,960 | - 690 | +3,020 | +2,330 | -2,110 |
| 1986 Jan-Se | ept +1,836 | -1,138 | + 698 | +3,866 | +4,564 | +2,505 |