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CHANCELLOR

FROM: A G TYRIE
DATE: 30 August 1989
cc: Chief Secretary
Mrs Chaplin
Mr Lightfoot

THE SAFETY NET

Has someone picked off Chris Patten to make sure that some DoE itching powder is not put down the necks of Party Conference delegates over the safety net?

2. On a related point, it strikes me that it would help if you square Geoffrey on our line on the safety net. He must have realised that this is one way in which he can twist the Prime Minister's tail while picking up enormous support from backbenchers. Curiously, if Sir Geoffrey forced some more money out of the Treasury for the safety net, he could also increase his credibility with spending colleagues if and when he comes to cut their pocket money in a Star Chamber.

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SAFETY
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*I am sure
Chris Patten
I will have a word with
Gt in due course.*

AGT.
A G TYRIE

*pwp for bilateral with
Mr Patten on 7 Sept*