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From the Private Secretary

5 December, 1983

Public Expenditure Survey

The Prime Minister has noted the exchange of correspondence between the Lord President and the Chief Secretary. She agrees that while increases in expenditure programmes between surveys cannot be avoided altogether, they should be kept to a minimum, and where they do take place, colleagues should be kept fully aware of any possible consequences for departmental programmes generally.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), to the Private Secretaries of other members of MISC 99 and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Andrew Turnbull

Miss Janet Lewis-Jones,
Lord President's Office.

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