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From the Private Secretary

14 January 1985

Dear Richard.

1985 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WHITE PAPER

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 7 January and your letter to Janet Lewis-Jones of 10 January. Provided the announcement does not clash with any other statements or the issue of any statistics, she is content for the Public Expenditure White Paper to be issued on Tuesday 22 January. She has noted that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry no longer wishes to announce his Financial Services White Paper on 22 January.

The Prime Minister agrees that Departments should ensure that the plans for their expenditure programmes should be presented actively and positively. She hopes, therefore, that Departments will issue press releases explaining and commenting on their figures in the White Paper.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of Cabinet, Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely
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