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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

12 April, 1985.

Dear Richard,

The Prime Minister has seen the Chief Secretary's minute of 3 April to which he annexed guidelines for the 1985 Public Expenditure Survey. She was generally content with the guidelines, and has endorsed the Chief Secretary's request that Departments should cooperate in providing information necessary for costing options for reductions identified by the Treasury. She has also asked that additional bids by Departments to which reference is made in paragraph 5(a) of the Chief Secretary's minute should be put forward only in exceptional circumstances.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to Members of the Cabinet and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

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