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*Dear John,**21<sup>st</sup>* September 1987

**SURVEY: SOCIAL SECURITY: OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS**

Thank you for your letter of 15 September.

I agree with your proposals for bringing forward the offset of occupational pensions against unemployment benefit for people aged 55-60 and for applying this rule to all claimants.

As you say, this leaves a further £44m of savings to be found in 1989-90 and I am content with your proposal that this should be found from within the provision for up-rating child benefit in April 1989. However, if it transpires that the saving cannot be met from that source it will, of course, be necessary to identify an alternative measure to meet your inherited obligations from last year's Survey.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister and Willie Whitelaw.

*Yours Ever,  
John*

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