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From the Principal Private Secretary

**MR. STEVENS
CABINET OFFICE**

**1988 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE SURVEY: CABINET
OFFICE VOTE**

Thank you for your letter of 18 May. With the exception of expenditure on security improvements - and I know you are already closely in touch with Charles Fountain on this - I cannot think of any other major new expenditure requirements for 10 Downing Street.

(N.L. WICKS)

23 May 1988

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From: R T J Wilson
18 May 1988

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MR. GRAY

cc Mr Woolley
Mr Monger
Mr Neilson

STAR CHAMBER 1988

1. No decision has yet been taken about whether there should be a Star Chamber this year but there must be a possibility that something like it will be needed. I am therefore minuting you to try and prevent the repetition of a difficulty which has cropped up in recent Star Chambers, namely overseas travel by Ministers whom we want to be members of the Star Chamber or whom the Star Chamber wishes to invite to appear before it.

2. We cannot identify now which Ministers will be needed. But I think it would be prudent and helpful if all requests to No 10 from senior Ministers for overseas travel in October and the first half of November could be treated with caution, and only be approved subject to the provision that if the Ministers in question are required to appear before, or to serve on, the Star Chamber, then Star Chamber business must have precedence over whatever foreign travel arrangements they may have made.

3. I have checked with Mr Turnbull that the Treasury agrees that this would be a wise precaution.

C.F. (Tony)

R.T.J.W.

R T J WILSON

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*1. Mr. Bearpfe the all applications are needed
2. Mr. Morris o/a with a * to remind us!*

A good idea. Feel free to consult re dot state particular individuals are likely candidates.

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