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From the Principal Private Secretary

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SIR ROBIN BUTLER

CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURE
(STAR CHAMBER)

The Prime Minister told you this afternoon that she would like the Secretary of State for Energy to chair the Ministerial Committee on Public Expenditure (Star Chamber). She had not come to a firm decision on when this should be promulgated, though the Public Expenditure Cabinet offered an obvious opportunity. Meanwhile she would like you to inform the Secretary of State, in confidence, of the dates that he would need to be ready to make himself available for the work of the Committee so that he did not arrange any overseas visits for that period.

N. L. Wicks

15 June 1988