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*From the Private Secretary*

24 October 1988

*Dear Alex,*

AUTUMN STATEMENT

Thank you for your letter of today's date. I should be grateful if you and copy recipients would ensure this letter is shown only to those with a need to know.

The Prime Minister is content for the outcome of the Survey to be considered by Cabinet on 1 November and, subject to the necessary decisions having been taken, for the Chancellor to make plans to deliver his Oral Statement on the same afternoon. She agrees that departments should put in hand arrangements positively to present the main features and outputs of their programmes on the same day. The Prime Minister also agrees that, for the time being, no public statement of the likely date of the Statement should be made.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to all Cabinet Ministers, Michael Saunders (Law Officers' Department), Eleanor Goodison (Office of the Minister for the Arts), Myles Wickstead (Office of the Minister for Overseas Development), Alan Maxwell (Lord Advocate's Office), Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

*Yan.  
Pat.*

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