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From the Private Secretary

7 February, 1983

RIGHT TO BUY

Thank you for your letter of 4 February to Willie Rickett about the proposal to have delivered a leaflet by direct mail drop to all local authority tenants in England informing them of their statutory rights to buy.

The Prime Minister discussed this with your Secretary of State this afternoon. They decided that, in view of the imminence of the local elections, and on general grounds of expenditure and propriety, not to go ahead with the mail drop.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Halliday (Home Office), David Heyhoe (Lord President's Office), Alex Galloway (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), John Gieve (Chief Secretary's Office), Muir Russell (Scottish Office), Adam Peat (Welsh Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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