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From the Private Secretary

28 June 1984

1982 RISK SHARING REFUND

I wrote to you on this subject on 21 June.

I should record that, at the briefing meeting following conclusion of the European Council at Fontainebleau, the Prime Minister said that the agreement reached that in future the correction of our budgetary contribution would be on a payments basis was an important gain and worth more than the sum outstanding on the 1982 risk sharing refund. We should not put our gain at risk by continuing to pursue the outstanding amount on the 1982 refund. Anyway there seemed little chance that our claim would succeed.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries of the members of OD(E), to Richard Stoate (Lord Chancellor's Office), Henry Steel (Attorney General and Solicitor General's Office), Iain Jack (Lord Advocate's Department) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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