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From the Private Secretary

20 May 1985

PROPERTY REPAYMENT SERVICES

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's letter of 11 April to the Chief Secretary, and the subsequent Ministerial correspondence.

She has endorsed the proposals in your Secretary of State's letter, and sees advantages in Departments taking responsibility for their own refurbishment and redecoration when they see good reasons for doing so.

The Prime Minister has commented, however, that a limit of £5,000 per item is too low; she believes the limit should be £25,000, indexed each year.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of the Cabinet and other Ministers in charge of Departments, and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office) and Ian Beesley (Efficiency Unit).

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