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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 May 1982

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Yours sincerely,

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Sir Harold Atcherley

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Dear Michael,

AFPRB 1982 REPORT

It is usual for the Prime Minister to write to the Chairman of the AFPRB a day or so before an announcement in Parliament thanking him for his report and telling him of the Government's decisions on it.

This year it was not possible to follow this procedure, but the Prime Minister may nevertheless wish to follow up her statement in the House with a personal letter to Sir Harold. A draft is attached.

Yours ever

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO SIR HAROLD ATCHERLEY

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