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Prime Minister ①

E (PSP) are discussing the
Edmund-Davis mechanism
for police pay on Wednesday.

Policy Unit suggest that
a letter from No 10 indicating
your interest in this subject
would be helpful.

Agree?

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Yes

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cc. Mr. OWEAL to
a Scottish Office
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From the Private Secretary

28 February, 1984.

Police Pay

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The meeting of E(PSP) which the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be chairing tomorrow will be considering the question of police pay. The Prime Minister has noted that the police appear to have been rising up the earnings league since 1979. She therefore welcomes the proposal for a review of the way the Edmund-Davies arrangements have been working, and she hopes that the Home Secretary will bring all the available evidence on comparative earnings of the police to the attention of the Police Negotiating Board. She wonders whether the operation of the formula can be modified to produce a less inflationary result. She would be interested to hear from the Home Secretary the way recruitment and retention in the police force have been developing.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the members of E(PSP) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Andrew Turnbull

John Kerr, Esq
HM Treasury.

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