PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE WHITEHALL LONDON SWIA 2AT 5 April 1984 (see Ptilling). Dar High I am writing further to my letter of 13 January to reemphasise the point that no steps should be taken in relation to oral Statements to the House of Commons without first consulting this office, No 10 and the Chief Whip's Private Secretary. This includes occasions when, for example, Cabinet may decide that a Statement should be made on a particular day. In no circumstances should Departments inform the Speaker's office of a proposed Statement without first consulting this office. Failure to comply with this simple rule can only lead to considerable embarrassment for the Government. I should be grateful therefore if you and copy addressees of this letter could draw it to the attention of those concerned in your Department. I am sending copies of this letter to those who received my earlier one of 13 January. Your wer Jav. d D C R HEYHOE Private Secretary H Taylor Esq PS/Secretary of State for Home Affairs

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