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From the Private Secretary

24 April 1984

Portugal: Technical Assistance

During her visit to Portugal, the Prime Minister was impressed by the effectiveness of our small technical assistance programme for Portugal. I believe that there is an amount of some £80,000 to be spent in the current financial year. The Prime Minister agreed that HM Ambassador would discuss with the Portuguese Prime Minister the uses to which these funds should be put in order that arrangements may be made.

The idea emerged that we might make provision for a further amount, perhaps £50,000, for 1985-86 in order that existing schemes for support of student fees, and book schemes in particular, should be maintained until the probable date of Portuguese entry on 1 January 1986. I should be grateful to know (so that I may inform the Prime Minister) whether this is possible.

I am copying this letter to Hugh Byatt in Lisbon.

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Dear Tim,

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PORTUGAL: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In your letter of 24 April to my predecessor Mike Power you referred to the idea that emerged during the Prime Minister's visit of a further small allocation of aid to Portugal to maintain existing technical cooperation schemes until the probable date of Portuguese entry to the EC on 1 January 1986. We foresee no problem in providing a further £50,000 for 1985-86, and a proposal to this effect has been included in the draft Aid Framework now being prepared for Ministers.

I am copying this letter to Hugh Byatt in Lisbon and, with a copy of your letter, to Peter Ricketts.

Sincerely,
Michael McCulloch

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Portugal Feb 84

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