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From the Private Secretary

1 November 1984

VSO AND OXFAM

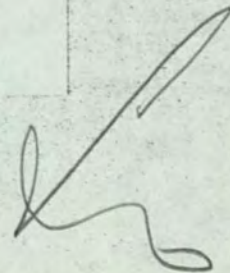
Thank you for your letter of 30 October providing the details for which the Prime Minister asked about the Government's contribution to VSO and OXFAM.

The Prime Minister has read this and commented that Mr. Raison should look very carefully at VSO, in particular at headquarters and administrative costs.

I should be grateful if you could let me know in due course the outcome of this examination.

(C.D. Powell)

Miss Eleanor Fuller,
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Prime Minister (2)
You asked about
this during your
meeting with
Emma Nicholson
CDP
31/x
30 October 1984

From the Minister

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Dear David,

VSO AND OXFAM

Thank you for your letter of 24 October to Michael McCulloch asking how much Government money VSO and Oxfam receive.

The ODA gives VSO a fully accountable grant which covers about 90 per cent of agreed budget costs of their overseas volunteer programme, including headquarters administration, recruitment and training, and overseas costs. In 1984/5 the grant is £4.79 million. We are now considering the level of the grant for next financial year; VSO are lobbying hard for a large increase, as they do each year. We shall not be able to go as high as VSO would like.

The ODA gives Oxfam a grant in aid to cover 50 per cent of the costs of agreed development projects overseas carried out under the Joint Funding Scheme. The money is fully allocated to specific projects, with 5 per cent (formerly 6 per cent) allowed for administration costs. In 1984/5 the grant is £1.45 million. An additional £1 million has been allocated to the Joint Funding Scheme next year. Oxfam will benefit from this. The ODA also channels money for disaster and refugee relief through Oxfam. Last year this amounted to £510,000.

Yours ever,
Eleanor

(Eleanor Fuller)
Private Secretary

VSO and OXFAM



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24 October 1984

Charles^{Yes}

Have FCO replied
to you direct?
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VSO and OXFAM

The Prime Minister would be grateful to know how much Government money VSO and OXFAM receive.

(C.D. Powell)

M.C. McCulloch, Esq.,
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MR. POWELL

Emma Nicholson, one of the Conservative Party Vice Chairmen, came to see the Prime Minister yesterday on Party business. It so happens that Miss Nicholson is involved in various charity work.

In the course of the discussion Voluntary Service Overseas and Oxfam were raised. The Prime Minister asked if Tim Raison could let her know how much Government money each of these organisations receives.

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STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

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