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PRIME MINISTER

THE TERRITORIALS FORMULA

It has been agreed that a small group of Ministers should meet to consider the "formula" for determining the amount of certain expenditures for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. You agreed that you would chair the group. I suggest that its other members might be:-

Secretary of State for Scotland
Secretary of State for Wales
Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
Lord President
Lord Privy Seal
Chief Whip

+ CST
agreed with
M.

Chief Sec

and possibly the Secretary of State for the Environment
(representing England).

No. DTI rep. England

If you could let me have your views on the composition, we will arrange a meeting in due course. The Cabinet Office could provide some documentation.

N.h.W.

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7 November, 1985

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17 Wicks
1600 - 1700
Wed 18 Dec
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

8 November 1985

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THE TERRITORIALS FORMULA

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The Prime Minister has agreed that the composition of the small Group of Ministers to consider the "formula" for determining the amount of certain expenditures for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland should be:

- Prime Minister (in the Chair)
- Secretary of State for Scotland
- Secretary of State for Wales
- Secretary of State for Northern Ireland
- Lord President
- Lord Privy Seal
- Chief Whip
- Chief Secretary
- Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

We will now set in hand arrangements for convening a meeting of this Group. However, the Prime Minister's diary is such that it is unlikely to take place this month.

Perhaps we could have a word on the telephone about supporting documentation.

NIGEL WICKS

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