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From the Private Secretary

10 July 1986

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT: SINGLE PAYMENTS

The Prime Minister discussed the timing of the announcement of restrictions on single payments after Cabinet this morning with the Lord Privy Seal, Secretary of State for Health and Social Security, Chancellor of the Duchy and Chief Whip.

It was decided provisionally that the announcement should be made on Wednesday 16 July rather than 17 July. This would avoid the risk that the Government might seem to be trying to slip the announcement by. A final decision should be taken after the subject or subjects chosen by the Opposition for their final day's debate was known.

I am copying this letter to Joan MacNaughton (Lord President's Office), Tony Laurance (Department of Health and Social Security), Andrew Lansley (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), John Turner (Department of Employment), Jill Rutter (Chief Secretary's Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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Ms Alison Smith
Lord Privy Seal's Office.

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