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From the Private Secretary

Dear Giles,

SINGLE PAYMENTS

The Prime Minister today discussed the timing of the proposed announcement about single payments with the Lord President, the Lord Privy Seal, the Chancellor of the Duchy, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services, the Chief Whip and the Minister of State for Social Security. Mr. Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's Chief Press Secretary, was also present.

It was agreed that the announcement should be made on Monday 21 July. The announcement would be debated after 2200 on Tuesday 22 July. It was noted that the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments met on Tuesday afternoons and should be in a position to comment on the proposed Regulations if they were given them at noon on Monday. (The precise timings on this should be confirmed with Murdo Maclean or Alison Smith.) Some members of the Committee would try to find fault with the Regulations and it was important that the Regulations should be prepared with scrupulous care. The Law Officers should be invited to check the drafting of the Regulations.

I am copying this letter to Joan MacNaughton (Lord President's Office), Alison Smith (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Andrew Lansley (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and Colin Phillips (Minister of State for Social Security's office).

*Yours
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