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Prime Minister!

Agree now that the Bank should send a list of the ITC documents it holds? (If the Lord Privy Seal and the Chief Whip agree, it should be the best that can be done.)

DN 28/10.

Dear David,

SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY : TIN

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You sent me a letter yesterday asking my Secretary of State to consider carefully, with the Lord Privy Seal and the Chief Whip, the manner in which the Governor of the Bank of England should respond to the Select Committee on Trade and Industry's requirements on tin.

At a meeting held by Mr Biffen yesterday evening, with the Chief Whip, my Secretary of State, Giles Shaw and representatives of the FCO, it was agreed that the best course would be for the Governor to respond to the Select Committee along the lines proposed by the Governor in his letter of 24 October to my Secretary of State. But in doing so he should ensure that the list of ITC documents should be further modified, as proposed by the FCO, to make it even more difficult to identify the dates and contents of individual ITC documents. This should help the Government to deal with any similar request from the Select Committee for a list of ITC documents held in the DTI. In addition, it was agreed that the Governor should make it clear, in a covering letter to the Chairman of the Select Committee, that in complying with the Committee's requirements he had consulted Ministers and agreed the lines of his reply with the Government: this was necessary since the Bank only held ITC documents as a result of its position as confidential adviser to Ministers, described in the Memorandum being sent to the Select Committee.

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It was further agreed that Giles Shaw, who will be appearing before the Select Committee on Wednesday 29 October, will be able to discuss the Bank of England's response with the Committee.

I am copying this letter to Tony Galsworthy (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Steven Wood (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Michael Saunders (Law Officers' Department), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office), John Footman (Bank of England) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Michael

MICHAEL GILBERTSON
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Prime Minister 2

The proposed letter to the Committee has to be with them by 0900 tomorrow. I said I did not think you would wish to object.

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29 October 1986

Steven Wood Esq
Private Secretary to the
Lord Privy Seal

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Dear Steven

SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY: TIN at flag

The Chancellor has seen your letter of 28 October to Mike Gilbertson, recording the Lord Privy Seal's meeting at 6.00 pm on Monday. He is content with the outcome of the meeting, and I see that the Governor's letter to Mr Warren has now been sent.

The Chancellor was, however, concerned that no Treasury Minister (or official) was invited to the meeting. He has asked me to ensure that the Treasury's interest in this subject is not overlooked in future.

I am copying this letter to David Norgrove (No.10) and Mike Gilbertson (DTI).

Yours ever,

Tony Kuczys

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Private Secretary

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