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From the Private Secretary

18 October 1982

DEBATE ON THE SCOTT REPORT

Thank you for your letter of 15 October about the arrangements for handling the Debate on the Scott Report on 22 October.

The Prime Minister was content with these arrangements, but has commented that it will be important not to give the impression that the Government may yet be taking action about benefits; she hopes that Mr. Hayhoe may be able to say that the Government's prime and for the moment exclusive concern is to see that existing index-linking benefits are properly paid for.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that we see a copy of the draft speech when it is ready.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to other members of Cabinet and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

M. G. SCHOLAR

Miss Margaret O'Mara,
H.M. Treasury.

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