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From the Private Secretary

11 July, 1986.

TAXPAYERS CHARTER

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor today discussed the draft taxpayers charter attached to your letter to me of 7 July, and Peter Warry's minute to the Prime Minister of 9 July.

The Chancellor agreed to see what could be done to work in the fourth of Peter Warry's points, to promise that the Inland Revenue would have regard to the size of a business when stipulating the administrative procedures necessary to meet Revenue requirements. The Chancellor argued that the precise words suggested by Mr. Warry could not be used, but suggested that words along the lines "the Revenue will have regard to the compliance costs of different sizes of business" might be acceptable. The words to be used would need to be further considered.

The Prime Minister urged that the charter should be expressed throughout in the clearest and simplest language possible.

David Norgrove

Mrs. Rachel Lomax,
HM Treasury.

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