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From the Private Secretary

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DATE OF THE 1987 BUDGET

Thank you for your letter of 3 October about the date of next year's Budget. 10 and 17 March would suit the Prime Minister's diary perfectly well. However, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia arrives for a state visit on 24 March. Cabinet would be held before the Prime Minister left to meet the King, but the Prime Minister might not be able to attend for as much of the Budget debates as she would wish. So 24 March (if the King sticks to this date) is the least attractive of the three.

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Dear David,

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The Prime Minister may wish to be aware that the Chancellor is aiming to present his Budget on 17th March next year. However, it is not yet possible to make a final decision and the 10th and 24th March are still possible alternative dates. As you know, we normally announce the date of the Budget during the first business question in the New Year.

*Yours
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