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From the Private Secretary

Dear Alex,

1987 BUDGET DAY

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 12 January and is content now to go firm on 17 March as Budget Day this year. I imagine the Lord Privy Seal will now be announcing this on Thursday instead of the Chancellor tomorrow.

I am copying this letter to Steven Wood (Lord Privy Seal's Office) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

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Ans,

David

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Prime Minister

Yes
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Content? / The Chancellor

Dear David

is it fact likely
now to announce the
date in his speech
on Wednesday.)

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12/1**1987 BUDGET DAY**

As you know, we have been planning on the assumption that Budget day this year will be on 17 March.

It has become customary to announce the date of the Budget in the first business statement after the Christmas recess - ie this year on Thursday, 15 January.

I should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister - and the Lord Privy Seal and Chief Whip, to whose private secretaries I am copying this letter - is content for it to be announced in the business statement on that day that Budget day will be 17 March. If so, I would be grateful if Stephen Wood would put the necessary arrangements in hand.

Yours
Alec

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