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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister was grateful for the Chancellor's note on this subject, which they discussed at their bilateral this evening.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chancellor should proceed on the basis of Option A. As regards the date of implementation, the Prime Minister said that she regarded it as essential to backdate to April 1990 the change for Community Charge Benefit and, if at all possible, to do the same for Housing Benefit.

I am copying this letter to Stuart Lord (Department of Social Security).

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