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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

20 February 1985

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

The Prime Minister understands that good progress has been made in the studies into a new structure of local government finance. She thinks that before launching into discussions into E(LF) it would be helpful to have the first look at the ideas which are emerging. She understands Department of the Environment Ministers would like to make a presentation to her and a number of other Ministers. She therefore suggests that a seminar at Chequers be arranged, starting with lunch on Sunday, 31 March and continuing into the afternoon. She suggests that the Lord President, the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales, the Paymaster General, the Secretary of State for the Environment, the Minister for Local Government, Mr Waldegrave, Lord Rothschild and a representative of the Cabinet Office be invited. I will be in touch nearer the time about DOE officials and the arrangements for the presentation.

I am copying this letter to Janet Lewis-Jones (Lord President's Office), John Graham (Scottish Office), Colin Jones (Welsh Office), Alex Galloway (Paymaster General's Office), Mike Bailey (Minister for Local Government's Office), Barbara Jones (Mr Waldegrave's Office), Lord Rothschild and Peter Gregson (Cabinet Office).

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