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From the Private Secretary

20 October 1988

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Dear Alex,

COMMUNITY CHARGE AND THE RPI

The Prime Minister was grateful for the Chancellor's recent minute on this subject. The Prime Minister and Chancellor considered this issue at their bilateral earlier today.

After a brief discussion, they agreed that it would be appropriate in putting the Government's view to the RPIAC to express no opinion on the balance of advantage between Options B and C, while making it clear that the Government would not favour Option A. Further consideration would need to be given to the way forward in the light of the RPIAC's comments.

I am sending copies of this letter to Clive Norris (Department of Employment) and to Michael Saunders (Law Officers' Department, for the Solicitor General).

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