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*From the Private Secretary*

18 October 1984

Territorial Expenditure

When your Secretary of State met the Prime Minister today he expressed his misgivings about the proposed study of public expenditure in the territories. The Prime Minister noted his views. It was agreed that she would convene a meeting of territorial ministers, the Lord President and the Chief Secretary to consider whether such a study should be conducted and if so, what its terms of reference should be and how it should be carried out.

I will be in touch to arrange the meeting and the preparation of papers.

I am copying this letter to Janet Lewis-Jones (Lord President's Office), Colin Jones (Welsh Office), Graham Sandiford (Northern Ireland Office), Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office), and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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