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From the Private Secretary

25 April 1988

Dear Jill,

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The Prime Minister has seen the further exchanges since I wrote to you on 5 April, culminating in the Chief Secretary's minute of 22 April. She is content for the Lord President to open discussions with the Opposition on the basis of the proposal that there should be a two-day debate on the Autumn Statement, with the second day devoted to public expenditure issues. She also agrees that the Lord President should put forward the possible upgrading of the Third Reading of the Finance Bill only if this is necessary to secure agreement. She is content for the memorandum now to be sent to the TCSC and PAC on the basis of the revised wording in paragraph 6 of the Chief Secretary's 22 April minute.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of the Cabinet, and to Eleanor Goodison (Office of the Minister for the Civil Service), Myles Wickstead (Overseas Development Administration), Michael Saunders (Law Officers' Department), Alan Maxwell (Lord Advocate's Department) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours,
Paul*

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