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From the Private Secretary

8 February 1982

Mr. Mark Thatcher

Thank you for your letter of 3 February.

I agree that as and when the bills relating to items 1-4 of the enclosed statement arrive, they should be presented here for settlement (the Prime Minister agrees that it is right that these items should not be charged to official funds). It is also agreed that the actual charge to be levied in respect of these items should be £583.14.

I should add that the bill for the accommodation in Bamako of the Swiss Rally Team has not yet reached us here. You may think it worth enquiring whether the Embassy in Dakar has received it.

I also agree that the public line to be used as necessary in respect of the cost of the search and rescue operation should read as in the final paragraph of your letter, subject to the slight amendments which we discussed at the end of last week. For ease of reference, the agreed line is contained in the enclosure to this letter. I wait to hear from you what figure should be inserted in the second paragraph.

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