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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 November 1983

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Dear Peter,

I know what a burden the public expenditure survey puts on the Chief Secretary, and I felt that I should write to say to you that the outcome of this year's survey has been very satisfactory. For the Government to be able to show that it is holding public expenditure within its published plans is very important for the credibility of its financial strategy.

That this has been achieved owes a great deal to your work as Chief Secretary. Your remit was a difficult one but you pursued it with skill, determination and good humour.

I am very grateful to you and to all those in the Treasury who have supported you.

Yours ever  
Margaret

The Rt. Hon. Peter Rees, Q.C., M.P.

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