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From the Private Secretary

Mr Owen 9 May, 1984.

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Dear Hugh

Miners' Dispute: Policing Costs

The Prime Minister has seen the Home Secretary's letters of 8 May to the Chief Secretary and to the Secretary of State for the Environment. She agrees with his proposals for providing additional assistance to police authorities, and she agrees that additional expenditure on policing should be exempt from grant holdback. She agrees with the Lord President that the timing of this announcement needs to be considered carefully, and she therefore suggests that a Question could be put down tonight for Written Answer. The timing can be discussed at Cabinet tomorrow when a decision can be taken on whether to table the Answer on Thursday afternoon, or to delay it until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Members of MISC 101, to John Ballard (Department of the Environment), John Graham (Scottish Office), John Gieve (Office of the Chief Secretary, HM Treasury), and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely
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