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From the Private Secretary

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In the course of her briefing meeting with the Chancellor and others yesterday evening, the Prime Minister said that she hoped it was clearly understood that there should be no economies in expenditure on law and order and especially on the police, in the course of the 1982 public expenditure survey. It was on this assumption that she agreed to the inclusion of the Home Office in the exercise, without the explicit safeguards which had been extended to the Ministry of Defence.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Terry Mathews (Chief Secretary's Office).

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