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From the Private Secretary

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Dear John

NET PAYMENT TO EC INSTITUTIONS

At their bilateral this morning, the Prime Minister and the Chancellor discussed his minute of 4 November. The Chancellor explained that to enter an uncorrected net contribution in the White Paper would imply entering a figure something like £700 million higher than a corrected figure. He suggested that for 1984/85 the simplest solution would be to enter the same figure as last year, i.e. £450 million. The Prime Minister agreed.

I am copying this letter to Brian Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely
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