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From the Private Secretary

12 January, 1984

The Prime Minister has noted the Chancellor's intention to announce 13 March as Budget Day in the course of the first Business Statement after the Christmas Recess, which will be on 19 January. Subject to the views of the Lord Privy Seal and the Chief Whip she is content with this.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Heyhoe (Lord Privy Seal's Office) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office)

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PRIME MINISTER

1984 Budget

The Chancellor has a provisional agreement with you that the 1984 budget should be on 13 March. He now wishes to announce this. Agree?

 Yes not

I have discussed the budget timetable with his Private Office. The Chancellor has pencilled in 9 February as the date for the budget Cabinet, which implies a discussion with you on the paper he would submit around 1 February. Thereafter he proposes to use the regular Wednesday bilaterals to clear the various policy decisions.

In addition to this there will be a tax strategy meeting with you and the two Chancellors. This will discuss a paper which the Chancellor of the Exchequer will be circulating in a week to 10 days.

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Perhaps the Chancellors will remember Dr. Heston's structure on the inadequate Treasury input - check given to Cabinet. You remember Sir Douglas Wall also referred to it in one of his lectures
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