



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

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Poland

The Prime Minister has seen your letter of 13 January and taken note of the further economic measures which Lord Carrington proposes that we should take. She assumes that Lord Carrington will ensure that there is an opportunity to consider, if necessary collectively, the measures to be taken by the United Kingdom in the light of what other members of the Alliance are prepared to do before any firm commitment of public announcement is made. (This point is also referred to in Jonathan Rees' letter of 18 January which the Prime Minister has not yet seen). In the light of what may be United States tactics over the gas pipeline, Lord Carrington may also wish to consider the possibility of a reverse linkage, whereby we might suggest to the Americans that it would be easier for us to put together what they would regard as an adequate package of measures if they were prepared to be helpful over existing contracts.

The Prime Minister has also noted the technical difficulties which might arise if any Community humanitarian assistance to Poland were attributable to the Community aid budget. She hopes that this problem can be resolved by the Departments concerned.

I am sending copies of this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Industry), John Rhodes (Department of Trade), Kate Timms (MAFF) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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