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From the Private Secretary

13 January 1986

1986 BUDGET DAY

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 10 January and is content for you to announce on January 16th that Budget Day will be March 18th.

I am copying this letter to David Morris (Lord Privy Seal's office) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whips Office).

(David Norgrove)

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Yes no

10 January 1986

Dear David

1986 BUDGET DAY

As you know, we have been planning on the assumption that Budget day this year will be on March 18th.

It has become customary to announce the date of the Budget in the first Business Statement after the Christmas Recess (although we departed from this practice last year in order to assist the planning of the sale of shares in British Aerospace). The Chancellor wishes, this year, to follow recent practice and this would point to an announcement during the Business Statement on Thursday 16th January.

I should be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister is content for us to announce, on January 16th, that Budget day will be March 18th.

I am copying this to David Morris (Lord Privy Seal) and Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip). If the Lord Privy Seal is content for an announcement to be made on 16th January, I would be grateful if the Whip's office could make the necessary arrangements.

Rachel Lomax

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