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From the Private Secretary

21 August 1987

TRANSFER OF RATING RESPONSIBILITY TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 6 August. With regard to the second paragraph of this, she has commented that she had not realised that he will have control over the level of the National Non-Domestic Rate for Wales, nor the formula for its distribution. I should be grateful for the clarification of this.

More generally, she has commented that she sees no reason for a change of responsibility.

I am copying this letter to Private Secretaries to members of E(LF), Mr. Luce and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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