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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
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Dear Malcolm.

STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY CHARGE

You minuted the Prime Minister on 24 September about the position of students under the community charge. She has asked me to deal with this topic on her behalf.

You propose that only students on courses of full-time study lasting for significant periods should be eligible for the concessionary 20 per cent rate of community charge payments, with the corollary that other students should continue to be eligible for community charge rebates. Kenneth Baker minuted on 2 October signifying his agreement to your proposals. I have also now seen John Moore's letter to you of 23 October, accepting your proposals as an interim measure pending decisions arising from Jackson's review of financial support for students. I trust that you can agree to proceed on that basis.

I am copying this letter fo the Prime Minister, other members of E(LF) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours
Wickie

The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind QC MP

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