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25th January 1988*Dear Nick,***COMMUNITY CHARGE: DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION AND DIRECT DEDUCTIONS FROM BENEFIT***FILE WITH PC*

I have seen a copy of Malcolm Rifkind's letter to you of 7 January and John Moore's of 23 November. As Malcolm says, we need to reach collective agreement on these points soon.

Your memorandum and John's letter set out some of the arguments on both sides on the two issues. And E(LF) discussion has now been fixed for early February. I think it is also important that before we meet DHSS should quantify the extra administrative costs which each proposal would involve, so that they can be properly taken into account. It would be helpful if John could arrange for this to be done.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of E(LF) and to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours Ever,
John*

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