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From the Private Secretary

24 July 1990

Dear Phillip,

NEW BURDENS ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Prime Minister has seen a copy of your Secretary of State's letter to the Lord President, covering a list of central government initiatives, notified over the six-month period from September 1989 to March 1990, which have financial and manpower implications for local government.

The Prime Minister has noted that there are no fewer than 23 extra burdens being placed on local authorities. She has also noted that relatively little effort appears to have been put into quantifying their effect.

The Prime Minister fully endorses the Environment Secretary's view that additional demands on local government should be kept to an absolute minimum. This is vital to avoid undue burdens on community chargepayers.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of E(LG) and to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours,
Barry*

BARRY H POTTER

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