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From the Private Secretary

3 October 1990

Dear Phillip,

COMMUNITY CHARGE:
EXEMPTION FOR 18 AND 19 YEAR OLD SCHOOL-LEAVERS

The Prime Minister has seen a copy of your Secretary of State's letter of 30 September to the Education Secretary indicating that exempting school-leavers from the personal community charge for the summer after they have completed their studies cannot be achieved without primary legislation.

The Prime Minister has noted your Secretary of State's view that action must wait until a legislative opportunity arises. The Prime Minister has commented that it would surely be possible to introduce this measure by means of a one-clause Bill.

I would be grateful if you could indicate whether such a one-clause Bill is practical and, if so, whether your Secretary of State judges it could be introduced, subject to wider legislative pressures, in the next Parliamentary session.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of E(LG).

*Yours ever,
Barry*

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