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- 1. Mr. ~~Wicks~~
- 2. Mr. Addison
- 3. Mr. Beattie



Prime Minister
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To see
 Account

8 January 1988

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Dear Paul

Yes not
 Help Mr. B. just check what
 the dates of March are
 not the 15th!

1988 BUDGET DAY

In my letter of 12 October 1987 to David Norgrove I said the Chancellor's intention was to present his Budget this year on 15 March. The Chancellor now proposes to announce this during the Autumn Statement debate next Thursday, 14 January. I should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister - and the Lord Privy Seal and Chief Whip to whose private secretaries I am copying this letter - are content with this.

This follows last year's procedure, when the date of the Budget was announced during the economic debate on 20 January. Before then, the date had usually been announced in the first business statement after the Christmas recess.

Yours
 Alex

A C S ALLAN
 Principal Private Secretary

Note

Gave Alex Allen
 PM's echo.

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Prime Minister

15th is indeed the 15th of March. The Treasury say they had thought of this and nonetheless want to go ahead. Apparently Sir G. Howe's last budget in 1983 was on 15 March. Content to go ahead?

If they wish - yes.
 I never believe in tempting
 the fate twice - not

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