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From the Principal Private Secretary

10 January, 1985.

You should see the attached letter which I have received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office today about a ceremony being arranged tomorrow to hand over a substantial cheque to the NUM, purportedly from the Afghan trade unions, in the presence of Mr. Ron Brown, among others.

I have copied this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office) and (without attachment) to Peter Ricketts (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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Mr. Hatfield

You should see the attached letter from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office about Afghan aid for UK miners, on which I asked you whether we should be ensuring that there was adverse publicity. It appears from Mr. Ricketts' letter that the ceremony of handing over the Afghan money is no secret, and it may be that there will be publicity any way. But perhaps you could ask your contacts to make sure that there is, or arrange that the Department of Energy are doing so. I have separately sent the Department of Energy a copy of Mr. Ricketts' letter under the attached note.

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