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My ref:

Your ref:

4 June 1981

Prime Minister

Dr Dale

RIGHT TO BUY

*I think an oral statement
is necessary for the first
intervention. Agree?*

Could I seek your advice on the right ^{yes also Chief Whips} procedure to be followed with regard to ^{values below M/P} further announcements to Parliament on the right to buy and intervention? As you know, the first announcement about intervention was given orally; the second announcement was made by way of written answer.

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There is now a very high probability that my Secretary of State will be announcing, in the middle of next week, a firm decision to intervene in one or more local authorities by taking over the sale of council houses. The options seem to be an oral statement; bringing forward to the end of our First Order Questions on Wednesday, Question No 27; or a written answer. My Secretary of State takes the view that at least for the first announcement to intervene the statement should be oral, through he would be perfectly happy to do this at Questions. Thereafter, written answers could well suffice.

He would appreciate the views of the Chancellor of the Duchy. I am copying this for information to Mike Pattison at No 10 and to Murdo MacClean, Chief Whips Office.

In en Dale

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PS/Leader of the House

DAVID A EDMONDS
Private Secretary

- 4 JUN 1981





Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
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8 June 1981

Dear Dave

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RIGHT TO BUY

^{JPM}
The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster has now seen your letter of 4 June to David Heyhoe and Peter Moore's letter of 5 June conveying the view of the Chief Whip.

The Chancellor of the Duchy agrees with your Secretary of State that the announcement of the decision to intervene should be made by way of an oral statement. I understand that the Prime Minister is also content with this proposal.

Copies of this letter go to Mike Pattison in No 10 and Peter Moore in the Chief Whip's office.

Yours ever

Nick Huxtable

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5 June 1981

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attached to
Env. to Hayhoe
on Right to Buy
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RIGHT TO BUY

TPM *Hansip*
You wrote to David Hayhoe on 4 June about the probability that your Secretary of State will be announcing soon a firm decision to intervene in one or more Local Authorities by taking over the sale of council houses.

In the Chief Whip's view this is best handled by way of an oral statement.

I am copying this to David Hayhoe and Mike Pattison.

(P. J. MOORE)

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