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Prime Minister ²



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This means that the
White Paper will assume
receipt of the £42m
before 31 March.

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FOREIGN SECRETARY

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WHITE PAPER: NET CONTRIBUTIONS TO
COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS

Thank you for your minute of 30 January in reply to mine of
24 January about the vexed question of the £42 million and the
PEWP.

2. I am sorry that you were not entirely happy with my compromise.
I myself still think it the right solution, and one which - by
dropping the references in the text - took account of your points.
But I fear that we can now only agree to differ, for the fact is
that it is now too late to change the figures in the White Paper,
for there would have to be consequential changes to most of the
tables in Part I, and a new computer run.

3. Copies of this minute go to the Prime Minister and Sir Robert
Armstrong.

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(N.L.)
1 February 1984



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