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A sens relevant question, we also reed to know whether there are any conditions with, I not fulfilled would cause the agreement to lapse. To a vait Treasury reply. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER Note: - Treamy with analote a note before neeting on 22/12 I have seen your minute of 5 December to the Prime Minister. An important issue is whether the "agreement" of August is legally binding or whether it is little more than a memorandum of understanding. Banks in this country - as distinct from the United States - rarely enter into legally binding agreements to lend money. I am copying this minute to the other recipients of yours.

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7 December 1983

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