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Sir Michael Swann,
The Principal,
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Dear Principal,

I write with reference to the debate at the Court Student Executive about rents at the Pollock Halls and other student houses and more particularly about the "deprivation" fund which was discussed by you, or "a rolling replacement" fund. You referred then to decisions by the Court-Student Executive "two years ago." These I have been unable to trace. I would therefore ask you to refer me to the appropriate Minute of Court Student Executive or Court.

I would also ask you to refer me to the decision which transferred £200,000 from the Pollock Halls Reserve fund into the Cowan House fund. In the event I am not sure that this is not an improper transaction and I ask, further, whether legal advice was taken when this decision was made.

There is one further point. At a recent Court Meeting you explained that one of your reservations about the grants rise was the inordinate amount of the student grant spent on alcohol. This you mentioned in passing on Monday. You referred at the Court Meeting to the £2000 spent per week by Stirling students on drink. I ask where you received these figures and whether you have an equivalent figure for members of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Brown