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PRIME MINISTER

You were unhappy with Adam Butler's proposal to tell the Post Office that the Government would subsidise neither the basic postal concession for "National Music for the Blind" nor an extension of the concession to cover other entertainment material. You asked what the cost would be, and said that the Government should offer this.

I attach letters from Mr. Butler's office (Flag A) and Mr. Jenkin's office (Flag B). Both feel strongly that, whilst the National Music for the Blind cost would only be about £5,000 a year, this would inevitably be the tip of a very large iceberg. Both hope that you will reconsider, and accept the line originally proposed by Mr. Butler.

Agree with Mr. Butler's original proposal, or do you want to have a word with Mr. Butler and Mr. Jenkin?

MP W.M. Hancock
and with David Woyson
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13 June 1980