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// June 1979

*Dear Geoffrey*

Thank you for your letter of 7 June.

As I have said, I am anxious to do all I can to help you by one means or another. I must repeat that I can give you no categorical assurance on what can be done in 1979-80, and the figure of £200 must therefore remain your assumption.

Since writing my letter of 6 June, we have had Michael Havers letter setting out the Law Officers' views that legislation would be required if disposals by BGC or BNOC are to be carried through by means of a direction on a basis which is legally sound. This opinion must reinforce caution about securing the proceeds of sales within 1979/80. But you can be sure we will do our best.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister.

*Yours ever*

D.A.R HOWELL

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Mr. Geoffrey Howe MP  
Secretary of the Exchequer  
HM Treasury  
Whitehall

11 June 62

Thank you for your letter of 7 June.

As I have said, I am anxious to do all I can to help you by one  
hand or another. I just repeat that I can give you no guarantee  
of success or that it will be done in 1962-63, and that it is  
not clear that there are any other alternatives.

Since writing my letter of 6 June, we have had Michael Davitt  
letter getting out the law Officers' views that legislation  
would be required to dispose of the 1962 or 1963 and to be revised  
through by means of a direction on a basis which is  
sound. This opinion that Finance Section about reaching  
the agreement of sales within 1963. But you can be sure  
we will do our best.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister.

Handwritten signature and initials.

DAVID HOWELL

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