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ABOLITION OF GLC AND MCC's: FURTHER DETAILED DECISIONS AND PREPARATION OF LEGISLATION

In Annex A to your letter of 17 August you included the funding of the regional tourist boards as an issue still to be decided before the Bill can be finalized. Norman Lamont has asked for a meeting with you to discuss this problem and I should naturally like to await the outcome of that. However, I do not envisage that we shall wish to depart from our declared intention that all tourism functions (which include funding of the RTBs) at present undertaken by the GLC and MCCs will pass to the borough and districts. This of course is already covered by the general provision in Clause 2.

- One point omitted from Annex A is the action your own Department should be taking on trading standards in response to my letter of 6 August to Patrick Jenkin.
- 3 I am copying this letter to the members of MISC 95 and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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ABOLITION OF GLC AND MCCs : SUPPORT FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Thank you for your letter of 27 July.

2 My interest in this stems from my sponsorship of the Citizens Advice Bureaux Service. I think that the proposals outlined in paragraph 6 of your letter would form a very useful basis for further discussions with the local authorities and the voluntary sector.

3 I am copying to other members of MISC 95 and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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