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EXCESSIVELY LENIENT SENTENCES

Thank you for your letters of 18 April and 29 May setting out the details of the proposed power for the prosecution to refer to the Court of Appeal sentences which appear excessively lenient.

I understand that Quintin Hailsham, Michael Havers and Peter Rees are content with the modifications to your proposals set out in your second letter. You may therefore take it that you have H Committee approval for including a scheme on these lines in the Prosecutions Bill. In his letter of 8 May Michael Havers pointed out that additional staff would be required for the Director of Public Prosecutions; and I understand that Peter Rees accepts that he will need to make an appropriate bid in due course.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, to members of H Committee, the Attorney General, First Parliamentary Counsel and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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The Rt Hon Leon Brittan QC MP

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