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Dear David,

## DEREGULATION

Re Att

Norman Fowler has asked me to respond to your letter of 29 November to Leon Brittan about deregulation arrangements.

We are broadly content with the text of the "concordat" describing how the Enterprise and Deregulation Unit would operate. ~~We~~ do wonder, however, whether it is really necessary for Departments to seek the Unit's permission before they can forego a full assessment of minor proposals (paragraph five of the concordat). Surely it is in everyone's interest to prevent the unit from becoming bogged down in a mass of applications from Departments seeking permission to pass over items which are de minimis?

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Lawson, Douglas Hurd, Peter Walker, Kenneth Baker, Michael Jopling, Nicholas Ridley, Norman Tebbit, Richard Luce and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,  

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