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Dear David,

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DEREGULATION WHITE PAPER

Thank you for sending me a copy of your recent minute to the Prime Minister covering a draft of the second White Paper on Deregulation.

As you say, the draft has been discussed and substantially agreed by MISC 121. There are no outstanding matters of Home Office interest and I am generally content for the White Paper to be published on the lines of the draft.

Paragraph 8.54 and Annex 1 reflect my present position on liquor licensing hours, but H Committee has been asked to agree that I should make an announcement indicating that I am in favour of relaxation in principle. Our officials have agreed to keep in touch so that the next of the White Paper can, if necessary, be adjusted to take account of any announcement I may make before publication day.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council, the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of State for Social Services, the Attorney General and the Lord Advocate, members of E(A) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours,
Douglas

The Rt Hon The Lord Young of Graffham

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