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I have seen Geoffrey Howe's minute to you of 19th July, recording his pleasure at the successful outcome of the COCOM List Review, which has been underway since October 1982. I would like to add my congratulations to his.

As you know my own officials have been closely involved in this process. I know that it has not been easy to balance our commercial, strategic and political objectives on the items under review in the face of considerable pressure from the Americans, most notably during the final discussions on computers, software and communications switching. However I believe that the measure of agreement reached by COCOM member nations on these complex technical issues, and the constructive nature of the dialogue between the nations which continued throughout the review period, represent a major prize. We can now look forward to a period when the scope for tensions within the Alliance, which many both here and abroad would seek to exploit, will be much reduced.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and other members of OD.

Yours ever
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The Rt Hon Norman Tebbit MP

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