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Miss L. M. Furlonger,  
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16th December 1982

*Dear Miss Furlonger,*

MARRIAGE BILL

As you know Ministers have agreed that this Bill should be introduced in the House of Lords. I am sorry that we were unable to clear the financial and Explanatory Memorandum in time to allow introduction today as we had hoped. The Memorandum attached to the draft Bill printed on 16th November 1982, has now been agreed by the Treasury and the way is clear for introduction on Monday 20th December. I should be grateful if you could arrange for introduction on Monday and publication on Tuesday 21st December. The Whips' Office in the Lords, are arranging the Bill to be introduced on behalf of Lord Elton.

I am sending copies of this letter to Willie Rickett (Prime Minister's Office), Leonard Harris (Cabinet Office), David Heyhoe (Lord President's Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office, Commons), Michael Pownall (Chief Whip's Office, Lords) and Brian Shillito.

*T. C. Morris*

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Parliamentary Clerk

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