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Dear Malcolm,

ABOLITION OF DOMESTIC RATES ETC (SCOTLAND) BILL
COMMUNITY CHARGE REGISTRATION: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

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Thank you for copying to me your letter of 7 November to Willie Whitelaw.

My only comment on your proposals is that I believe it is important that registration officers should not have access to police records. It is essential to preserve the confidentiality of these records and not to deter people from contacting the police. Moreover, any such exchanges of information would constitute an irritant in police relations with the community.

I understand that your officials have confirmed that it is not your intention that police records should be made available to the registration officer. If there is any room for doubt on the effect of the legislation on this point then it would be desirable to include information from police records among the prescribed classes of information which a local authority should not be required to supply to the registration officer. On the understanding that the point will be covered I am content with the proposals in your letter.

I am copying this letter to the members of E(LF) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours,
Douglas

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