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Dear Lord President,

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"PAYING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT": CARAVANS, HUTS AND CHALETS

I have seen Nicholas Edwards' letter of 9 December and Malcolm Rifkind's of 10 December commenting on mine to you of 2 December, in which I proposed that in England and Wales, holiday caravans and similar accommodation should be subject to the same regime as second homes generally, but with the standard charge limited to one unit of community charge in the areas rather than two.

Clearly we need to discuss this at E(LF), and we cannot now settle it in time for the document on the working of the community charge in England and Wales which I plan to issue on Monday. I therefore propose to add at the end of paragraph 12 of that document, of which I sent you a draft with my letter of 3 December, the words:

"Special provision would need to be made for caravans and other property not suitable for year-round occupation where application of the full standard charge may be inappropriate."

I understand that Nicholas Edwards' officials regard those words as acceptable, notwithstanding his doubts as to whether any special provision is required in Wales.

I shall write to you more fully on the substantive issue in time for us to discuss it at the meeting of E(LF) being arranged for 22 January.

I am copying this to members of E(LF), to Norman Lamont and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

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PP NICHOLAS RIDLEY  
(Approved in draft by the Secretary of State and signed in his absence.)



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