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The Right Honourable Viscount Whitelaw CH MC Lord President of the Council Privy Council Office Whitehall LONDON SW1

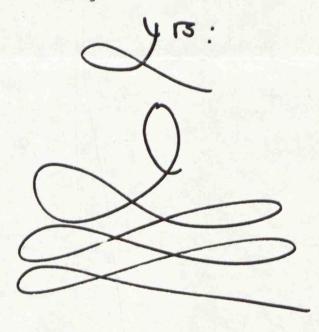
My Dear Willie.

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Community Charge: Married and Unmarried Couples

I have received a copy of Nicholas Ridley's letter to you of 30 April, and am grateful to him for having agreed that married couples should not be presumed to have lived together as husband and wife before their marriage, and for having confirmed that joint liability will extend only to debts incurred after a couple started living together, whether married or unmarried. I very much hope that nothing in the Bill's passage through Parliament will make it necessary to look at this issue again.

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



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