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Dear Secretary of State

RATE LIMITATION: FINALISATION OF PRECEPT LIMITS FOR PRECEPTING AUTHORITIES

I have seen a copy of your letter of 28 January to Willie Whitelaw about the Orders you propose to lay tomorrow to set precept limits. *attached*

Our officials have been in touch briefly about the technical reasons for increasing the precept limit for the ILEA. I accept the case for some increase, but I am left with a slight doubt about the amount you propose. However, the decision is for you to take and I will not press the point if you and Keith Joseph are satisfied that the limit will be as rigorous as it reasonably can be.

I fully understand the timing problems you face, but it would be helpful if my officials could be brought into the technical discussions at the earliest possible stage in the preparations for the Order dealing with rating authorities.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Willie Whitelaw and other members of E(LA), John Biffen, John Wakeham and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely

for PETER REES

[Approved by the Chief Secretary]

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