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Dear Douglas,

**INCREASES IN MONETARY LIMITS ON LOTTERIES UNDER THE LOTTERIES AND
AMUSEMENTS ACT 1976**

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 7 November to John
Wakeham on this subject.

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As you know I had previously indicated my support in principle to a
raising of the Great Britain lottery limits. Having now seen the
details of your proposals you may take it that I have no objection
to any aspect of these from a Northern Ireland standpoint.

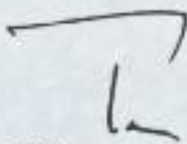
I should mention that the Northern Ireland law, which has been in
operation for little over a year, allows only one type of society's
lottery and no society may hold more than one lottery in any period
of 7 days. Here there is a limit of £80,000 on the turnover of any
one lottery and £1 million on the total turnover of all lotteries
run by any society in a year. No prize can exceed 10 per cent of
the proceeds, ie £8,000. As in Great Britain, the maximum price of
a ticket or chance is 50p.

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In due course, I shall be re-examining these levels in the light of the developments on your side to see whether any revision might be necessary.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H, the Attorney General, the Minister for Arts and Libraries, the Chief Whips in both Houses and Sir Robin Butler.

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