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2. NBRm

Dear Douglas

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

will request Fred

Thank you for your letter of 7 November seeking H Committee's agreement to your initiating consultations on proposals to increase the monetary limits for individual lotteries.

The Prime Minister, Nicholas Ridley, Tom King, Malcolm Rifkind, Norman Lamont and Richard Luce indicated that they were content for consultations to proceed on the basis you proposed, but the latter indicated that he would prefer to see larger increases in the monetary limits and that the view of the Arts Council and Museums and Galleries Commission should be canvassed in the course of the consultation exercise. Malcolm Rifkind said that, subject to the outcome of the consultation process, he would be content for identical increases to those you proposed for England and Wales to apply in Scotland; and Tom King indicated that he would wish to review the position in Northern Ireland in the light of the final decisions reached for Great Britain. Norman Lamont confirmed that the Commissioners of Customs and Excise were willing to make a parallel increase in the pool betting duty exemption limits; and I understand that he is satisfied that your proposals will not give rise to any problems of public expenditure control.

No other colleague commented and you may take it that you have H Committee's agreement to go out to consultation on the basis you proposed, subject to the bodies mentioned by Richard Luce being included in that exercise.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, colleagues on H, Patrick Mayhew, Richard Luce and Sir Robin Butler.

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