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Dear Secretary of State,

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Thank you for your letter of 5 September.

Your proposal raises important and wide-ranging issues. I have asked my officials to pursue with yours what are your specific proposals for new legislation, how you would envisage their being used in practice, and what would be the financial implications. I will respond to your letter in the light of further advice based on those discussions.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister other members of H Committee and Sir Robin Butler.

Your sincerely.

PP NORMAN LAMONT (Approved by the Chief Secretary and signed in his absence)

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