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Dear Lord President,

COMMUNITY CARE: LEGISLATION AND WHITE PAPER

I have seen a copy of David Mellor's letter to you of 19 October with proposals for legislation to implement the new framework for community care, and on 20 October Kenneth Clarke circulated the draft White Paper. I am writing in Peter Walker's absence from the office.

We are content with the proposals for the legislation and the White Paper. In saying this, I would stress that our agreement to the proposals for preserving entitlements to income support, for those in registered residential and nursing home care before the new arrangements are in place on 1 April 1991, is in terms of the proposal Tony Newton set out in his letter of 17 October; namely, that these will be kept for at least 5 years, and with a commitment to review the arrangements in due course.

/ Copies of this letter go the Prime Minister, members of H and E(A) Committees, Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

Approved by the

Jours suicerely

Parliamentary Under Secretary and signed in

his absence

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