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TEN MINUTE RULE BILL FOR TUESDAY 17 JULY

Thank you for your letter of ~~10~~ <sup>11</sup> July setting out your proposals for handling Sir Michael McNair-Wilson's Ten Minute Rule Bill to make provision for statutory rights to compensation to sufferers from serious side effects from prescribed drugs, which he is seeking leave to introduce on Tuesday 17 July.

I agree that we should not seek to oppose the motion and that, in the event of a division, Ministers should abstain. I also agree that any resulting Bill should be blocked at Second Reading.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of L Committee and to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

*Yours ever*

*Geoffrey Howe*

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Mrs Virginia Bottomley MP

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