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Dear Willie

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 26th April to Patrick Jenkin about radio frequencies. I am content that an independent Review should be set up, with the Terms of Reference you propose, and guided by normal security procedures, to examine the problems of frequency availability in the 30-960 MHz band. As immediate and short-term requirements for civil mobile radio services are pressing, I particularly agree with the need for an interim report in September 1982 so that the use of TV Bands 1 and 3 can be resolved appropriately.

You will be aware that during the review by the National Frequency Planning Group, my Department have made every reasonable effort to release frequencies progressively, either directly or by sharing, so that by 1990 we will have reduced our present access to this particular band by some 60-70 MHz. Further release of military allocations in the short-term will, therefore, be difficult, particularly since we have certain commitments to NATO and our United States Allies.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

John Nott
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The Rt Hon William Whitelaw CH MC MP

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