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TV LICENSING - HOTELS AND SELF-CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

Thank you for copying to H Committee your letter of 25 June to Norman Tebbit proposing a compromise formula for the television licensing of holiday camps, self-catering establishments etc.

I understand that Norman, Nick Edwards and Jim Prior are in fact content; and I see from his letter that George Younger is too. In his letter of 4 July Quintin Hailsham points out that the formula is complex and could be difficult to operate in practice; and you will wish to consider the point he makes about the benefit which is to be derived from it. I know, however, that you are anxious to make progress; and in the circumstances I will leave it to you to consider the points Quintin has made. If you are satisfied on those, you may take it that you have H Committee clearance for the general proposition.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, the members of H Committee, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

The Rt Hon Leon Brittan QC MP

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Dear hon,

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 25 June to Norman Tebbit about the new television licensing arrangements proposed for hotels and self-catering establishments.

The concession proposed in your letter for seasonal establishments is most welcome and will be especially appreciated by Scotland's many small holiday businesses who open only in the summer season and who operate on a narrow profit margin. I am therefore content for my interests that you proceed now with the preparation of the requisite Regulations.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Members of H Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours truly,

George

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My dear Leon:

TV LICENSING: HOTELS AND SELF-CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

In your correspondence with Norman Tebbit about TV licensing in hotels you have looked into the position of holiday camps and self-catering establishments. In your letter of 25th June you tell him that you have decided that while self-catering establishments, holiday camps and so forth will have to pay the new scale of fees, half of the cost will be refunded to those who are open for six months or less and you add that the same relief would apply to seasonal hotels.

Your scheme seems simple but it strikes me that it may well prove complicated and expensive to operate in practice both because of the double exercise of payment coupled with refund and through difficulties in defining the actual circumstances to which refunds will apply such as whether the whole site has to be shut throughout the six-month period.

If these problems are real, you may wish to consider whether the price for sealing up this loophole in your TV licensing arrangements is not rather high.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, to Norman Tebbit and the other members of H Committee and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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The Right Honourable
Leon Brittan, Q.C., M.P.,
Secretary of State for
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