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From The Secretary of State for Wales

13 July 1984

Dear Sir

You copied to me your letter of 25 June to Norman Tebbit about your proposals for television licence fees for self-catering establishments. I have seen the subsequent correspondence from Willie Whitelaw and George Younger.

My Office has already indicated that I am content for you to proceed as proposed. I am simply writing to confirm this.

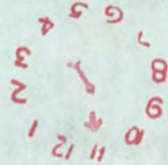
Your proposal for half of the cost of the licences to be refunded to those operators who are open for six months or less is a useful form of relief. It is a bit unfortunate that this can only be managed as a refund after the event and not a reduction in the cost of the licence but I realise the difficulties. I note, however, that Quintin highlighted the practical difficulties with this in his letter of 4 July.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, Members of H Committee, Norman Tebbit and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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