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A small plus
point for Mr Baker.

12 November 1985

Dear Mr,

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Thank you for copying me your minute of 31 October to the Prime Minister. In your PS you asked me whether there are likely to be any additional new town receipts this year which can be surrendered to the Reserve.

I am glad to be able to say that our programme of new town disposals is indeed running well this year. Our latest forecasts suggest that we can increase the estimate of receipts from disposal of commercial and industrial properties from £100.75m to £115m. As you know, I should have liked to transfer some of these additional receipts to support some of my other hard-pressed programmes. But in view of the general position on the Reserve, I am prepared to forego this and to surrender the additional amounts to the Reserve.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Nigel Lawson, and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Handwritten signature of Kenneth Baker

KENNETH BAKER

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