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Peter Wary believes
this to be acceptable.

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Dear Nigel:

BBC ACCOUNTS

In my letter of 27 November 1985 to John MacGregor I said that we would be urging the BBC to take steps to ensure that the Accounts for 1985/86 should follow standard accounting practice in respect of depreciation. You will be glad to know that the BBC have now agreed to this. They propose to make the source and application of funds statement the main reporting statement in the Accounts, and to include depreciation in the supporting income and expenditure statement in essentially the way suggested by the Treasury in 1984. Your officials now have the details of the lay-out which the BBC propose to adopt in the Accounts for publication later this year, and have made one or two presentational suggestions which have been passed to the BBC. I think that this is a satisfactory outcome to this affair.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to John MacGregor.

Yours,
Nigel

The Rt Hon Nigel Lawson, M.P.

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