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Dear Chief Secretary

GUIDELINES FOR THE 1988 SURVEY

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Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 16 March to the Prime Minister. For the 1987 Survey we developed a procedure for the application of the Guidelines to reflect the ground rules for the operation of the Northern Ireland PE Block and I believe that these worked in a very satisfactory manner. I understand that my officials have been in touch with yours and that the same broad approach will apply this year. Subject to the resultant minor variations, I am generally content with the 1988 Survey Guidelines.

I am sending copies of this letter to other Cabinet colleagues, Richard Luce, Chris Patten, Patrick Mayhew, Kenney Cameron and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely

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(Approved by the Secretary of State
and signed in his absence)

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