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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE  
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*Dear Douglas*

CONCESSIONARY TELEVISION LICENCE SCHEME

*at floor*

Thank you for your letter of 9 May seeking H Committee's agreement to your proposals for reforming the concessionary television licence scheme.

The Prime Minister's Private Secretary wrote indicating that she was generally content with what you proposed, and Nicholas Ridley and John Moore also expressed general support. Both Nicholas and John suggested that there might be advantage in delaying an announcement but, in view of your further explanation about the pressures on you to make an early announcement, they both agreed not to press their concerns on the question of timing. No other colleague has commented, and this is simply to confirm that H Committee were content both that you should announce and implement the new concessionary licence scheme and that you should announce that a payment by instalment scheme should be introduced as soon as practicable.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of H Committee and Sir Robin Butler.

*John Wakeham*  
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The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd CBE MP  
Home Secretary

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