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We have discussed my letter of 20 June, in which I argued that it would be premature to take decisions now on either of your two PES bids for additional expenditure on church buildings, which you argued would be a card that you would like to play now in the context of the forthcoming Lords debates on the Local Government Finance Bill.

In the light of the additional factors which you explained to me, I am now content for you to offer these concessions to the churches. This is on the condition, which you accepted when we spoke, that you would contain the additional expenditure within your provision.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of E(LF) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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