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Dear David,

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Thank you for your letter of 21st July about the Stage I report of the Independent Review of the Defence Radio Frequency Spectrum. I am content with your proposal that the Government response be announced in the same manner, and coincidentally with, the announcement of the receipt of the report.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Nigel Lawson and Douglas Hurd, and to Sir Robin Butler.

George Younger

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF DEFENCE RADIO FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 21 July to George Younger covering the proposed Government Response to the report on this review.

Although there is no direct connection between this Review and the work on which we have now embarked on deregulation and the introduction of market forces into the management of the frequency spectrum, we need to be clear that the terms of the Government Response do not prejudice any changes we might eventually wish to introduce as a result of our current work. It would therefore be advisable to amend slightly paragraph 3 of the draft Response to read:

"The Government notes the Committee's conclusion that the overall balance... (as drafted) "

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Douglas Hurd, George Younger and to Sir Robin Butler.

NIGEL LAWSON

