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Dear David

1990 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE: ARTS AND LIBRARIES

at R100
I have received your letter of 6 September doubling Richard Luce's bids to £100 million a year.

2 Your letter takes no account of the difficult public expenditure position and the economy, or the clear remit from Cabinet, let alone the consequences of the Gulf crisis. £100 million is not as you suggest in your letter a small sum of money.

3 There appears to be no point in our meeting since your proposals are quite unrealistic and unacceptable.

4. I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister.

Yours
Norman
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