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2 March 1984

Dear Willie,

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HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE

I wrote to you on 18 January about my intention to table a Motion for the establishment of a House of Commons Select Committee on Procedure. *will request if required*

I am afraid the setting up of this Committee has been somewhat protracted, principally because of delays by the Opposition in putting forward names for the Committee.

I should draw attention to a change from the original proposals as set out in my letter of 18 January. The original intention was that this Committee should merely be a Sessional Committee, albeit with the possibility of renewal next Session. Further discussions, however, have shown a preference for the Committee to be set up for the Parliament. The Motion provides accordingly.

I am copying this to Cabinet colleagues, to the Chief Whip and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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John Biffen

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