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My dear Nigel:

Co-operative Development Agency  
and Industrial Development Bill

*with consent of Queen*

I have seen Norman Tebbit's letter of 6 August on my return from holiday. He asks that the usual two month period between Royal Assent and the Bill's coming into effect should be dispensed with.

Though I do believe that in the normal course this custom should be adhered to, I can see that in the present circumstances there are pressing reasons for doing otherwise. I have one small worry however, and that is that the repeal of s.3(2) and of s.3(3)(b), Co-operative Development Agency Act 1978, which prohibit the Agency's carrying out commercial activities or forming partnerships, may possibly have an adverse effect on any commercial undertaking already providing services to co-operatives. Subject to that however, the proposal has my consent.

Copies of this letter go to other members of E(A), the Lord Privy Seal, members of L Committee, Sir Robert Armstrong and the First Parliamentary Counsel.

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