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Dear Eric,

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Thank you for sending Chris Patten and me copies of your letter of 19 October to Norman Lamont concerning a proposal from TVL to bid for a sub-contract to maintain the central register of the Football Membership Scheme.

It will be for the Football Membership Authority (FMA) to choose the contractor to operate the scheme. The FMA will be a body corporate designated by me. The Football League and the Football Association have 'first refusal' on appointment as the FMA. The FMA will need to be satisfied that where a consortium bidding for the scheme contract is proposing that a sub-contractor should maintain the central membership register (and associated referral file holding invalid membership details), the prime contractor will nevertheless be able to exercise adequate control. The register will be a critical feature of scheme operation. Only some of the likely bid consortia will I understand be proposing to sub-contract this task.

Providing the FMA are satisfied with this sub-contracting arrangement, I am content for consent to be given under Section 62(2) of the British Telecommunications Act 1981 to the TVL establishing a subsidiary to carry out the work.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, David Waddington, Norman Lamont, E (A) Members and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours ever,

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