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The Rt. Hon. Lord Soames GCMG, GCVO, CH, CBE.  
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*Lord Soames*

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Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 18 December to the Prime Minister.

I was delighted to learn of this new initiative and I would be more than happy for you to say that it has my support.

You will also want to know that I should be glad for both the Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue to participate in the review. As I expect you know, the Revenue has already been praised for some of its work in this direction in the pamphlet produced by the National Consumer Council under the engaging title, "Gobbledeygook"! But I am sure there is still ample room for improvement.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Sir Derek Rayner and Sir Robert Armstrong.

GEOFFREY HOWE

*John*

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