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Dear Willie,

There is a point of detail on the Report of MISC 79 which you have just circulated to Cabinet where I feel I must enter a reservation. There is a suggestion in paragraph 5(vi) of Annex A of this Report that "new regional airport authorities" might be set up. This is an idea which was discussed in the Summer as one potential solution to this small but troublesome problem. But I think I should make it clear that there would in my view now be little prospect of doing this within the timescale required. Nor do I think there would be any enthusiasm for establishing a whole new series of quangos of this kind.

I am sending copies of this to Cabinet colleagues and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Handwritten signature of Lord Cockfield

LORD COCKFIELD

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