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Dear Nick

RATING OF SPORTS CLUBS

Thank you for your further letter of 7 April.

I am very happy to see the valuation point put on the record, and Simon Glenarthur has now done this (Official Report, House of Lords, 9 April 1987, col 1199). Your proposed letter to John Carlisle is consistent with Simon's statement.

The amendment to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1966, to allow the concession to apply in 1988-89, is by reference to earlier (1962) legislation which does not refer to sports clubs, in terms. I am however advised that in practice there are likely to be few other bodies falling within the definition. The terms of the amendment do, in any case, allow me to restrict the concession as I wish and I intend to restrict it specifically to sports clubs if (contrary to present impressions) there is any risk of there being significant other beneficiaries. If you require any further information on this, perhaps our officials could speak.

I am copying this to Willie Whitelaw, to other members of E(LF) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,
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