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PRIME MINISTER

COMMUNITY CHARGE: EXEMPTIONS

Mr. Ridley's minute of 2 June (Flag A) seeks agreement to three concessions on the community charge to ease the passage of the Bill through the Lords:

- exemption for those who sleep rough;
- automatic 80 per cent reductions in liability for those who stay in certain types of hostels;
- a tightly drawn exemption for volunteers.

Lord Belstead's minute of 6 June (Flag B) argues that these concessions are the minimum necessary to avoid defeat.

Peter Stredder's note of 7 June (Flag C) advises you to support the package.

Content with Mr. Ridley's proposals subject to comments of colleagues?

*Recd.*

(PAUL GRAY)

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