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Dear Secretary of State,

DUAL RUNNING OF DOMESTIC RATES AND THE COMMUNITY CHARGE IN LONDON

file with P.C.

Thank you for copying to me your minute of 24 June to the Prime Minister proposing the abandonment of dual running.

Your proposal, even taking the safety net into account, will bear hard in particular on those whose houses have low rateable value. But I am content to accept your view that the balance of advantage has now shifted towards abandoning rates altogether from 1 April 1990. I hope we can present this change of policy as a response to the wishes of the authorities themselves to be excluded from dual running.

Copies of this letter go to the recipients of your minute.

Yours sincerely

Al. Jaworski

(approved by the Home Secretary and signed in his absence)

The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP

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