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I have seen a copy of Nicholas Ridley's minute to you of 28 June and Malcolm Rifkind of 5 July.

In considering the possibility of a common non-domestic poundage in England and Scotland we will need also to consider the implications for Wales, where after 1990 there will be a separate national non-domestic pool and a separate poundage. I should like my officials to be involved in the discussions which will take place.

I am copying this to Nigel Lawson, Nicholas Ridley, David Young, Malcolm Rifkind and Sir Robin Butler.

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