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19 February 1985

Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter of 4 February about the terms of reference of the Widdicombe Inquiry.

I have indeed written to Mr Widdicombe on a number of specific topics which I wish the Committee to consider. These include the activities of bodies set up or supported by local authorities. I agree however with your suggestion that it should be made clear in a public statement that these bodies are covered by the inquiry's terms of reference, particularly in the context of discretionary spending on publicity. You will have seen by now that this was done in my statement to the House on 6 February.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister and other cabinet colleagues and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Your ever
Peter*

PATRICK JENKIN

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