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David

MAJOR LOTTERY OR LOTTERIES AND "SKILL-BALL" COMPETITION

Thank you for your letter of 21 December ^{at his stage} reporting progress on the decision whether to allow major lotteries and seeking colleagues' agreement to deferring a firm decision until the possible implications of the new skill competition "Skill-Ball", which is to be launched in April, are known.

John MacGregor, Richard Ryder and Colin Moynihan wrote supporting your proposals. John and Richard suggested however that the issue of a major national lottery should be discussed by H Committee as soon as possible after the launch of the "Skill-Ball" competition in April. I understand that you are content with this and that you hope to circulate proposals in the Summer.

No other colleague has commented and you may take it, therefore, that you have H Committee's approval for your proposals.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H Committee, Douglas Hurd, Richard Luce, Tim Renton and Bertie Denham, and to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

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