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From the Minister

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The Rt Hon John Nott MP
Secretary of State for Trade
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Res John

I have seen the correspondence you have had with Geoffrey Howe about the reference of the Stock Exchange to the Restrictive Trade Practices Court, and am content with the solution proposed in your letter of 16 August.

As I am sure you appreciate, the decision will call for fairly careful presentation to avoid the accusation from the Opposition that we are changing the rules only because they have succeeded in catching the Stock Exchange. The question of exemption, were it to become a live issue, would need careful consideration, not least as to timing.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Lord Chancellor, members of 'E' Committee and Sir John Hunt.

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PETER WALKER

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