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Rt.Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP.

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You know that I hankered after making a speech on cutting public spending. I know that Margaret and Peter - to whom I am copying this letter - and you thought this unnecessary and unwise.

I did, however, draft something which was then improved by Adam Ridley.

Here is the result.

I am not bothering Margaret and Peter with the draft. I am sending a copy to Chris Patten and suggest that it be kept in stock by you and him and me, in case - at some stage - it becomes useful.

Encl.

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