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Dear Sir,

NATIONALISED INDUSTRY INVESTMENT APPROVALS

In his absence overseas Patrick Jenkin has asked me to thank you for your letter of 23 December and to reply on his behalf. I am content as far as the Post Office and National Girobank are concerned and will issue the formal approval.

2 As you know we have re-opened the question of British Telecom's EFL for 1983/84 with Sir George Jefferson. One concern we have stressed is whether the fixed asset figure is realistic given this year's undershoot. Consequently I do not intend to give the 100% approval to the programme until we have completed our reconsideration of BT's prospects for next year.

3 Copies of this go to those who received copies of your letter.

Kenneth Baker

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