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*Dear Mr Tanner*

Thank you for the very useful meeting which Roger Moore and I had with David Watters and yourself on 25 November, when we were able to discuss the action needed to ensure that the £10m Fund is available to help those in need as soon as possible. We covered a wide range of topics which I have summarised below.

I hope we were able to reassure you that we were actively working on the link between payments from the Fund and either social security or tax. Similarly, we were also able to reassure you that the Society would not be expected to pay the administrative costs of the Fund from either the Fund or its income.

You were concerned about life insurance cover and endowment mortgage protection. I said that the Fund should be in a position to help; and would have more flexibility than commercial concerns who would be bound to take account of commercial criteria.

We then went on to discuss the framework for administering the Fund. You have in mind that the Fund should stand apart from the rest of the Society's work, with the staff member in charge reporting to David Watters as the Secretary. We discussed the possibility of three advisory committees - one on the investment arrangements for the Fund; one on the guidelines for help and arrangements for decision taking - a general "policy" committee; and a case committee for individual decision taking. If this is the basis on which you wish to operate, then we shall gladly suggest possible members for each committee who would have relevant experience.

Finally we touched on the contribution which the Charities Aid Foundation might make to the administration and you said you were happy to explore this possibility. As you will know, since we met we have talked with the Foundation, and they may indeed be able to help in a substantial way with the establishment and administration of the Fund. Clearly the Foundation would need to be advised by the main policy committee and the case committee which would examine particular cases. I understand that Roger Moore and David Watters are in touch over the composition of these committees.

We fully share your concern that the necessary arrangements should be set in place as soon as possible. For our part we will continue to give the Fund a high priority. Roger Moore will be working closely with David Watters on these matters and keep me in regular touch with developments.

*Yours sincerely*

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STRACHAN HEPPELL