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Preface

Those who are best qualified to write a book on this subject are far too busy to do so. Some of them have nevertheless been unstinting with their help and encouragement. Although I have relied throughout upon published material, the condensation which has been necessary to put it into an ordered and readable form raised serious dangers of inaccuracy, misinterpretation and false emphasis. Without help, it would have been rash for an outsider to attempt the task of providing businessmen with an insight into the inner workings of competition policy in Britain.

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