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/ I attach the draft of the White Paper I would propose to publish towards the end of next week in the light of discussion in Cabinet today, and subject to any points which emerge during my discussion this coming weekend with Caspar Weinberger.

I should be very grateful if you, and Peter Carrington and Geoffrey Howe, to whom I am copying this minute and the draft, could let me know by first thing on Monday whether you would like to see any amendments made. I will, of course, put the draft to Cabinet for information on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

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