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From the Private Secretary

12 December 1984

## Financial Services White Paper

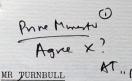
The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 7 December and is content with the approach set out in it.

I am copying this letter to David Peretz (H M Treasury), Miss Janet Lewis-Jones (Lord President's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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The note from Norman Tebbit on the Financial Services White Paper is excellent, concentrating on:

- a. avoiding detailed regulation of the financial services sector;
- setting out a clear statutory framework and improving enforcement to deter fraud and malpractice;
- c. improving disclosure.

The exact number and nature of the City bodies should not be set down in the legislation, and the bodies should report annually to Parliament, through Norman Tebbit, on the exercise of their delegated powers. The power to appoint and dismiss the Chairman and members is the vital safeguard.

On the basis of Norman Tebbit's letter, you could welcome his general approach.

## The draft White Paper

I have seen the 30 November draft, and have talked to Norman Tebbit and his private secretary, Callum McCarthy. They

agree that some of the original draft is in disagreement with the principles set out in his letter, or would be difficult to implement.

I have gone through it with them, and will now wait to see the revised draft White Paper before we can offer comments on it. I have also arranged to go and see Norman Tebbit himself on Wednesday, 19 December, to discuss it.

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