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Dear Janet.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 26th November to the Prime Minister.

I am content for the Ministry of Defence to participate in the 1983 Efficiency Exercise, as indicated in your minute. It will be important in establishing the detailed work programmes for each of these studies to ensure that there is no duplication of work already in hand here, particularly in the Procurement and Contracts area. We want to ensure too that we do actually implement the findings of some of our earlier studies and I would not want further studies to get in the way of this follow through work. Your idea of studying the internal consultancy, inspection and review capabilities of Whitehall Departments is an interesting one - having set up a new Management Audit organisation within the MOD last year following a Rayner study precisely to bring these areas together, we may well have some experience to offer, and my officials would gladly help in this Multi-Departmental Review.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours ever
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The Rt Hon The Baroness Young

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