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10 December 1982

Dear Jonathan,

WHITE PAPER ON CABLE SYSTEMS

As agreed by the Cabinet on 2 December, the Home Secretary announced in the Debate on cable systems later that day the Government's intention to publish a White Paper in the first few months of next year setting out a detailed scheme for cable systems. The Prime Minister has now confirmed (Robin Butler's letter of 8 December to me with copies to others) that she wishes the Home Secretary to take the lead in its preparation, in consultation with other Ministers and the Cabinet Office IT Unit as appropriate.

Accordingly, we shall now be putting in hand the necessary work. Officials here have already had a preliminary talk with DOI officials about the way forward. Clearly we shall need to look to DOI for initial drafts of some sections of the White Paper, and other sections will require close consultation between our two Departments and, indeed, a number of others. C(82)39 indicates the range of subjects the White Paper will need to cover and since a number of Whitehall Departments will have some degree of interest, it will be helpful to draw up a list of contact points in each Department concerned to whom drafts can be sent and questions referred as appropriate. I should therefore be grateful if recipients of this letter would let me know, as soon as possible, whether their Department has an interest in being in touch with the preparation of the White Paper (with, where appropriate, an indication of the area of interest) and who would be the point of contact (at, we suggest, Under Secretary or Assistant Secretary level).

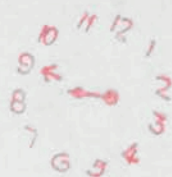
I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of Cabinet; to Sir Robert Armstrong; and to Mr Sparrow.

Yours ever,

J F HALLIDAY

Dr J P Spencer

13 DEC 1982





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27 January 1983

Dear John,

WHITE PAPER ON CABLE SYSTEMS

Your letter of 10 December to Jonathan Spencer asked Departments to let you know if they had an interest in the preparation of the White Paper on Cable Systems. This Department has an interest in the choice of technologies and the question of a "must-carry" rule, as well as more obvious educational aspects of cable systems. Our point of contact would be Mr C R Walker, Head of our Further and Higher Education Branch II (ext 3553).

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely,
Inogen Wilde

MRS I WILDE
Private Secretary

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10 January 1983

Dear John,

WHITE PAPER ON CABLE SYSTEMS

You ask in your letter of 10 December to Jonathan Spencer if Departments will nominate a point of contact for your officials engaged in the preparation of this White Paper. The official in this Department would be Mr R H Jones, Welsh Office Education Department.

Cable systems are not a central interest of the Department's, but it is possible that considerations raised in the White Paper may have repercussions somewhere in my Secretary of State's range of responsibilities, not least, as events have already shown, in the Welsh language field.

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Yours ever

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31 December 1982

Dear John

WHITE PAPER ON CABLE SYSTEMS

In your letter of 10 December to Jonathan Spencer you asked Departments with an interest in the preparation of this White Paper to let you have a point of contact for your officials. For this Department the official involved will be Mrs Gay Catto in Manpower Policy Division, Branch B.

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Yours Sincerely

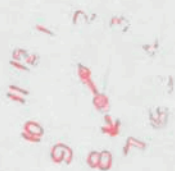
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21 December 1982

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Dear John

WHITE PAPER ON CABLE SYSTEMS

Your letter of 10 December to Jonathan Spencer asked Departments with an interest in the preparation of the White Paper on cable systems to indicate appropriate points of contact for your officials. The official in this Department who will be taking the lead on our behalf is Dr Thynne, an Assistant Secretary in the Department's Information Technology Division.

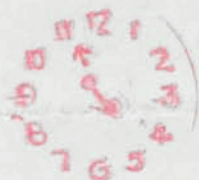
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David Saunders

DAVID SAUNDERS
Private Secretary

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Your ref:

20 December 1982

Dear John

WHITE PAPER ON CABLE SYSTEM

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 10 December to Jonathan Spencer.

We would like to be involved in the preparation of the White Paper. The main DOE interests are in the environmental and planning aspects of cable systems (contacts R A Bird, 212-3264; or I H Nicol, 212-3871) and in the possibilities for routeing cables through sewers (contact R A Stead, 212-8779).

/ Copies go to the other recipients of your letter.

Yours sincerely
Roger Bright

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