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Dear Stephen,

DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON DEREGULATION

Your letter of 13 May to David Norgrove asked for comments by close of play today on the draft leaflet which will accompany the White Paper on deregulation.

The section entitled "Euro-Tape" usefully draws out the main points in Chapter 10 of the White Paper. We are a little concerned that critics of the Community might use the passage, as presently drafted, to show us to be at odds with the Commission, which we are not. I hope you will be able to accept the amendments in the attached draft.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to the Private Secretaries of Members of E(A) and of Misc 121.

yours ever

Anthony

Anthony Cary
Private Secretary to
Mrs Lynda Chalker

EURO TAPE

"The burden of regulation is not a uniquely British problem. The European Community makes its fair share of regulations. In a Community of twelve countries, some regulation is essential. We could not enjoy the benefits of free trade and fair competition without it. But following an initiative by the Prime Minister at the European Council last year, the implications for business of EC regulations will from now on be rigorously assessed.

- A task force has been set up within the European Commission, broadly similar to our own.
- Each new proposal put forward will now contain a full analysis of its costs to business so that these are minimised as far as possible.

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