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You will remember that Lord Young and Patrick Jenkin have been in correspondence arguing about whether the proposals on planning which DOE have under consideration should be looked at by MISC 114, the group chaired by Lord Young on deregulation. The correspondence is attached.

Lord Young believes his view must prevail on this if MISC 114 is to fulfil its remit to consider and coordinate the reduction of burdens on business. He sees the issue as a key test of the group's credibility. He will be raising the point with you at tomorrow's meeting.

You will not wish to try and remove from DOE their responsibility for planning policy. But equally, it is difficult to see how MISC 114 can work if DOE simply tell it, from time to time, of what they are up to.

You may therefore like to indicate that you take the view that, while DOE must clearly retain its proper responsibility for planning, it is important that MISC 114 is kept closely informed of any changes in the planning regime which they have under consideration, so that the group has an opportunity to comment on the implications of any such proposals for the rest of the group's work.

If you agree, we could indicate as much to Lord Young tomorrow, and I shall then write round setting out your views on the issues raised in the correspondence.

Mark Addison

1 May 1985

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Note

This point incorporated into brief for Lord Young meeting.

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3 May 1985

SAINSBURY - MISC 114 - PLANNING

From the attached letter, we are most concerned that the Sainsbury grievances may not get aired in MISC 114. You may care to write to ensure all of these outstanding important issues are fully explored by MISC 114.

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on what MISC 114 has done
(ii) the Sainsbury initiative will be adequately followed up

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2nd May, 1985

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Yours ever

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This seems to indicate a substantial measure of agreement on planning between DoE and MUSA to Burden scrutiny.

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Yes, but D14 wants to be able to cancel in MEIC 114 the way POT plans to implement some of the proposals, as well as to discuss other points emerging, eg, at the Jaistry Gray discussion.

We need to work Area C. PJ was going to stick about it after Monday's meeting. But it has yet to be amended MBA 115