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Dear Tim, <sup>Noted</sup>  
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Government Reply to Foreign Affairs Committee's Report on  
Famine in Africa (HC 56)

I wrote to you on 7 June about our reply to the above report. Mr Raison will now be in Ethiopia on 18 July when it was intended to publish the reply in the form of a White Paper and will not be available for interviews etc. Sir Geoffrey Howe therefore proposes to bring forward publication to Monday 15 July with the CFR copies issuing on Friday 12 July.

I am copying this letter to David Morris (LPS), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office), Alex Galloway (Paymaster General's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,  
Peter Ricketts

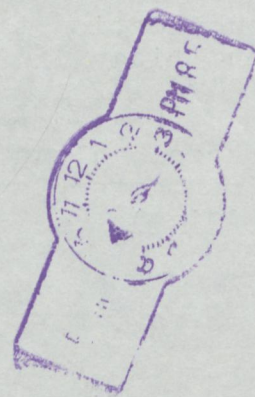
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Dear Tim,

Government Reply to Foreign Affairs Committee's Report  
on Famine in Africa (HC 56)

The reply to this report is now in preparation. Sir Geoffrey Howe proposes to publish in the form of a White Paper on or about Thursday 18 July with CFR copies issuing 24 hours earlier. This would be in advance of the last occasions on which the ODA (22 July) and FCO (24 July) are top for Questions before the summer recess.

I should therefore be grateful if you could confirm that there are no objections to this timetable.

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