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Private Secretary to
The Prime Minister
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21 November 1986

Dear Andy,

PLANNING: THE SAINSBURY GROUP

In your letter of 28 October you asked me to provide a table showing how many planning appeals had been outstanding for over 6, 9 and 12 months respectively at 1 January and 1 June for the last 3 years. I attach such a table. I should add that the figures are on a different basis from those provided for 30.9.86 at the meeting on 27 October the reason for this is that we have checked and revised the data so that all the figures now omit cases in abeyance at the request of the appellant at the date in question. Obviously those cases should not count as part of the backlog since work on them will not be resumed unless and until the appellant asks for them to be brought out of abeyance.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Ullmer

B H LEONARD
Private Secretary

Prime Minister²

Tom noticed the absence of figures in the Sainsbury Group briefing on planning appeals taking a particularly long time. The concern is that they have been increasing. I will ensure that this is covered for the next meeting.

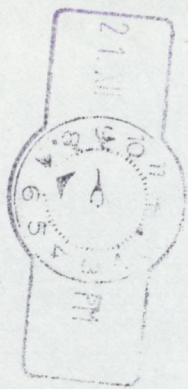
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ANALYSIS OF SECTION 36 APPEALS IN HAND

	31.12.83	30.6.84	31.12.84	30.6.85	31.12.85	30.6.86
(a) Appeals in hand (excluding those in abeyance)	6494	6055	8557	8429	8877	10158
(b) of which, in hand for more than 6 months	1153	970	1710	1610	1744	2235
(c) In hand for more than 9 months	541	483	805	801	857	1081
(d) In hand for more than 12 months	299	329	425	466	547	656
(d) as % of (a)	4.6%	5.4%	5.0%	5.9%	6.2%	6.5%
(e) in abeyance at request of appellant (<u>not</u> included in (a) to (d)).	227	150	238	187	227	206

NB the total at (b) includes (c) and (d)
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From the Private Secretary

26 November 1986

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Thank you very much for your letter of 21 November with the enclosed table. The Prime Minister was very interested to see these figures and has noted the upward trend in the number of appeals taking a considerable time to be resolved. She expects that this will be covered fully in the briefing for the next meeting of the Sainsbury Group.

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Andy.

From N. Ridleys office:

"Currently 10,449 planning
appeals in hand. The time
they have been in hand
is as follows:-

more than 6 months -	2525
" " 9 months -	1292
" " 12 months -	79

Current longest o/s: can't
tell off hand but is likely
to be one which the
appellant has asked to
be held in abeyance.

Currently 367 cases
held in abeyance. "

Sue 27.10.86