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Jear Lamaby,

My Chairman has asked me to place on record what he said to the Secretary of State on Monday evening about the timing of the publication of the January White Paper.

The Chairman would not wish to see the Paper published before week commencing 30th January. The reason for this is his desire to get the second round of TVEI settled. The TVEI National Steering Group meets on the morning of 23rd January to select projects for the second round and the Commission will be required to endorse this selection on the afternoon of 26th January. Any announcement before this latter date would surely jeopardise the TVEI selection.

I am copying this letter to Andrew Turnbull (10 Downing Street), Elizabeth Hodgkinson (DES), Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), John Graham (Scottish Office) and Colin Jones (Welsh Office).

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David Vere Private Secretary