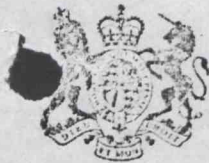


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I don't think the White Paper will be published until February and possibly later.

10 November 1987

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Dear Robert

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Thank you for your letter of 4 November about Eric Sorensen's future.

I would be glad to have Eric back by 1 December or thereabouts, as you propose, because we can no longer sensibly keep our Grade 3 post in charge of our Inner Cities Directorate vacant, as it has been for the last four months.

On reflection, however, it does seem important for the centre to retain Eric's full time services until the White Paper is in final or near final form both because he is obviously the best equipped Under Secretary to finish off the current phase of work, and because it is right that he should not seem to return to us under a cloud. Consequently if it were necessary for Eric to stay with you until Christmas, we will manage here without him; but I would find it very helpful indeed to be told if there were any real possibility that the centre would need his more or less full time services beyond then.

Yours

Terry

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