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MR NORGROVE

cc Mr Wilson

E(A): Major construction projects

On 7 May E(A) considered a paper by Mr Ridley on ways of reducing delays to major construction projects. The Prime Minister asked him to return to the Committee 'with further proposals later in the year in the light of urgent interdepartmental consideration' of those he had made.

2. DOE now tell us that the interdepartmental consideration has taken longer than they thought, and they do not expect to be able to put proposals to E(A) before the end of 1987, as the Prime Minister asked. If you agree, we shall accept this, and look for a discussion in January. DOE have said they hope to be ready by then.

*GD*

G W MONGER

Cabinet Office  
25 November 1987

*Mr Monger*

*Thank you. But we shouldn't allow this to slip too far. I suspect this is a topic, rather awkward, which could slip to the great kalends.*

*JHS  
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