



FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE
AND THE CHIEF WHIP

27 October 1986

Dear William,

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PEACOCK REPORT: INITIAL PARLIAMENTARY HANDLING

I have seen your letter ^{at 11.45} to Murdo Maclean concerning the timetable for debates in the two Houses on the Peacock Report. I have discussed this with the Leader of the House and Chief Whip. It would be perfectly possible to give time here for early debate in the new session on the Report. Lord Annan has already tabled a motion to take note of the Report and, given that these debates are being held in order to hear the views of members, the Leader and Chief Whip consider that there may well be advantage to you in allowing this debate to proceed on the basis of Lord Annan's motion rather than on a Government motion. We should however be happy to give time for such a debate preferably after the Commons debate. If a preferred date emerges, please let me know and I shall try to approximate to it.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Murdo Maclean, Mike Eland, Nigel Wicks, Joan MacNaughton, and to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Lord Privy Seal and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri.

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