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From the Private Secretary

13 April, 1981

The Prime Minister has seen the Lord President's minute of 10 April, about the Review of the Government's Statistical Services.

She is content with the format for publication of the outcome of the review suggested by the Lord President. As I mentioned on the telephone last week, the timing will need to be finalised in conjunction with that of the Efficiency White Paper. I understand that the progress of the Civil Service dispute may be relevant. Perhaps you could be in touch with us again about this when you have firm proposals.

I am sending copies of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office), Peter Unwin (Central Statistical Office), Jeremy Colman (CSD) and Clive Priestley (Sir Derek Rayner's Office).

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E G M Chaplin, Esq
Lord President's Office

c. Mr. Gaffin

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27 April 1981

Thank you for your letters of 24 April
about the White Paper on Government Statistical
Services.

I confirm that we are content with the
arrangements which have been made.

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WHITE PAPER ON GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL
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I attach a copy of the Confidential ~~Final~~
Revise of the White Paper which is to be
published at 3.30pm on Wednesday 29 April.

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24 April 1981

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PRIME MINISTER

To see these two letters about

Dear Mike,

The White Paper on the Govt Statistical Services-

WHITE PAPER ON GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL SERVICES to be published next Wednesday.

There have been no objections from Ministers to going ahead now with a White Paper on Government Statistical Services, a draft of which the Lord President circulated on 10 April. A few, minor drafting amendments have been made. We propose to publish on 29 April.

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The Minister of State will take the opportunity of a written Parliamentary Question already down that day from Mrs Short to draw the House's attention to the White Paper. Similar arrangements are being made for the House of Lords. We shall also issue a press statement here. Departments' Press Offices have been invited to make appropriate preparations to cover their interests.

Copies of this letter go to Private Secretaries to the recipients of the Lord President's minute of 10 April.

Yours ever

Edward Chaplin

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24 April 1981

Dear Mike,

WHITE PAPER ON GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL SERVICES

As you will have seen from my earlier letter today to you, copied to other Private Secretaries of Ministers concerned, we plan to go ahead with publication of the White Paper on Government Statistical Services on 29 April.

As I mentioned on the telephone last week, the timing of publication (your letter of 13 April) was carefully considered. The Lord President is satisfied that this White Paper will be a useful precursor to the White Paper on Efficiency. The point about the Civil Service pay dispute is more relevant to the latter, which he agrees should not be published until after the Civil Service dispute.

Our two Press Offices are in touch, and together with Sir Derek Rayner's Office and the CSO, will agree arrangements for informing the press.

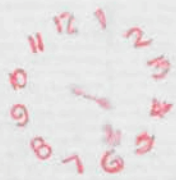
I am copying this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office), Ian Stewart (Central Statistical Office), Jeremy Colman here and Clive Priestley (Sir Derek Rayner's Office).

Yours ever,

Edmund Chaplin.

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REVIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT STATISTICAL SERVICES

I refer to your letter of 10 April and the draft of the White Paper setting out the results of the Review.

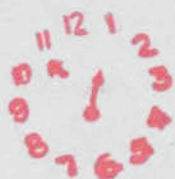
I have no comments on the draft, the sections relating to this department having been prepared in consultation with officials here. Annex 1 of the White Paper refers to the publication of the departmental "Rayner Reports" and the Action Documents. Those for this Ministry will be available very shortly and my officials will liaise with Sir John Boreham's office on this.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and to Sir Derek Rayner, Sir John Boreham and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Peter Walker

PETER WALKER

16 APR 1981



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