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My ref:

Your ref:

15 October 1981

*I am now cleared direct
to John Stanley's office.*

Dear Mike

re MAF 6/x

You asked me this morning about the response by this Department to the Second Report of the Environment Committee. As I explained, this was sent by my Secretary of State to all members of H Committee on 3 September and, subject to one minor drafting amendment, has been agreed by Committee members in correspondence.

I am sorry that because we treated this question by correspondence and not by means of a paper that a copy of the response was not sent to No 10. I therefore enclose a copy of the response, which, subject to your clearance, it is proposed to publish on 8 October.

*Yours ever
D A Edmonds*

D A EDMONDS
Private Secretary

F-1 OCT 1981





Text of the draft is coming from environment.

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29 September 1981

Dear David

PUBLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO THE SECOND REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Committee published its second report, on council house sales, in mid-July. The report, which received considerable publicity, was critical of some aspects of the Department's handling of policy on council house sales, and has not helped us in our efforts to get unwilling local authorities to implement the right to buy. My Secretary of State therefore considers it important to publish a prompt and a robust reply to the Committee.

not attached ?

Subject to the views of Mr Pym and other copy recipients, Mr Heseltine proposes that the Government's reply should be published as a White Paper on Thursday 8 October. A copy of the proof version is attached. The Clerk of the Select Committee has been notified of our intention to publish in early October, and advance copies will be sent to the Committee in the usual way.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister and all members of the Cabinet, to the Paymaster General, Sir Robert Armstrong, and to the Chief Press Secretary at No 10.

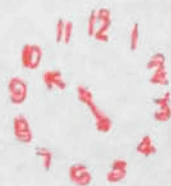
Will request if not already received

*Yours very truly
D A Edmonds*

D A EDMONDS
Private Secretary

David Heyhoe Esq
PS/Lord President of the Council

11 OCT 1981



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