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From the Private Secretary

25 January 1982

The Prime Minister has received the attached submission from the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development (ACARD) concerning information technology.

She has asked that the Council's views on regulating information technology be brought to the attention of the Home Secretary, the Secretary of State for Industry and the Minister for Information Technology, for their information.

The Prime Minister has also asked the Secretary of the Cabinet, in consultation with the Minister for Information Technology, to prepare a reply to ACARD which, like the Council's submission, would not be for publication. She has asked that the reply should specifically indicate the Home Secretary's intentions as to the timing of a White Paper and subsequent legislation on data protection; and comment on the question of education and training for information technology.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Employment, Industry, Education and Science, the Minister for Information Technology and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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