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From the Minister without Portfolio  
The Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham

*Private Minutes* ①  
It has been agreed that Lord Young  
will make the statement in the  
House, and Mr Whitney, who was  
a member of MISC 114 - to  
Commons.

Content subject to  
two drafting suggestions?

AT  
12/7

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10 July 1985

Dear Andrew

**DE-REGULATION WHITE PAPER: LIFTING THE BURDEN**

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Further to your letter of 8 July recording the Prime Minister's agreement to publication of the above White Paper on 16 July, I now attach a draft of the statement which Lord Young will make in introducing the White Paper in the House of Lords on that day. The statement is to be repeated in the House of Commons by the Minister of State, Treasury. I would be grateful to receive any comments on the draft statement by noon on Friday 12 July.

*Mr Whitney is  
now  
proposed*

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Members of E(A) and of Misc 114, and to Joan MacNaughton (Lord President's Office), Peter Ricketts (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Hugh Taylor (Home Office), Steve Godber (Department of Health and Social Security), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office - House of Commons) David Beamish (Chief Whip's Office - House of Lords) Mike Norgrove (Office of the Minister of State, HM Treasury), Richard Hatfield and Sir Robin Ibbs (Cabinet Office) and Bernard Ingham (No 10).

Yours ever

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Leigh Lewis  
Principal Private Secretary

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reflects the widespread representations on the report which the Government has received.

5. The White Paper is the first major step in a continuing programme of removing unnecessary regulations. It refers to a wide range of initiatives - some of which have already been undertaken, and some of which are for the future. Each is designed to allow firms to divert scarce resources away from complying with bureaucratic requirements and towards developing and expanding their business.

6. My Lords, this is but the beginning of the process, for the most important element in the White Paper is the setting up of a new system within Government, to assess proposed and existing regulations from the point of view of the burden they may impose on business. The primary responsibility for this must be within the appropriate Department but a Central Task Force is being set up, with the Enterprise Unit in the Cabinet Office, to work alongside Departments <sup>carrying</sup> ~~to carry~~ out these compliance cost reviews.

7. I should emphasise to your Lordships' House that we are not seeking to remove all regulations. Essential protection for workers, consumers and the general public must be maintained. And we must protect our quality of life. The Government have sought to strike the right balance between liberty and license. The White Paper adopts a balanced approach. It represents a major step forward in giving businesses the freedom

To make it clearer  
Depts carry out reviews  
and Task Force  
works alongside .

to flourish and grow. I commend it to your Lordships'  
attention.

