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PRIME MINISTER

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In folder | I am sending to you, and all Cabinet Colleagues, for information, a copy of the White Paper on the Repair and Compensation System for Coal Mining Subsidence Damage which is the Government Response to the report of the Subsidence Compensation Review Committee (Waddilove). Together with Nicholas Ridley, Peter Walker and Malcolm Rifkind, I propose to publish this on Thursday 29 October at 3.30 pm.

  
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Secretary of State for Energy

27 October 1987



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Dear John,

I am writing to let you know that Nicholas Ridley, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Walker and I are now in a position to publish the White Paper "The Repair and Compensation System for Coal Mining Subsidence Damage" which is the Government response to the report of the Subsidence Compensation Review Committee (Waddilove). This reply to the report, which was published in 1984, is overdue and I should like to take the earliest possible opportunity to publish it and lay it before Parliament.

Given that we have Energy First Order Questions on 2 November and Environment First Order Questions on Wednesday 4 November, we believe that it would be preferable to publish at the end of the preceding week. The usual objections to publication on a Friday apply so I propose that we should publish on Thursday 29 October. If you, and other recipients of this letter, agree, I shall arrange for an ordinary written question to be tabled. I enclose the terms of that draft PQ and answer. The draft Press Notice will follow as soon as possible.

My Private Secretary is writing separately to Sir Robert Armstrong's office about circulation of the White Paper to members of the Cabinet.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister; to the Lord President; to the Secretaries of State for the Environment, for Scotland, and for Wales; to the Chief Whip and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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THE WADDILOVE REPORT ON COAL MINING SUBSIDENCE

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 22 October to John Wakeham setting out the procedure for the publication of the White Paper on the Government response to the Waddilove Report.

In my letter of 12 October I expressed my satisfaction at the outcome of our deliberations on the Waddilove Report and agreed that we should publish the White Paper as soon as possible. I am happy to go along with the procedure outlined in your letter.

/ I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson MP  
Secretary of State for Energy



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