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From the Private Secretary

11 January 1988

Dear JM,

**PUBLICATION OF 1988 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE
WHITE PAPER**

Thank you for your letter of 7 January. I understand that the Chief Secretary would now prefer to publish the White Paper at 11am rather than 1130am on Wednesday 20 January. The Prime Minister is content with this arrangement.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to Ministers in Charge of Departments, the Chief Whip and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours,
Paul

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7 January 1988

Dear Paul,

PUBLICATION OF 1988 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WHITE PAPER

The text of the 1988 White Paper was cleared in correspondence before Christmas. We now need to settle arrangements for publication. The Chief Secretary proposes that it should be published at 11.30am on Wednesday 20 January. We are not aware of any other major publication or announcement with which that would clash.

As usual we do not plan an Oral Statement on publication of the White Paper. Instead there is usually a debate in the House a few weeks after publication following a report by the Treasury Select Committee. The Chief Secretary proposes to announce the details of publication in response to an oral question for answer on Thursday 14 January in the terms attached.

As in the past, the Chief Secretary will be arranging on-the-record briefing for the press. As the White Paper is a long and complex document, we envisage issuing embargoed confidential final revisions on the day before publication.

The Chief Secretary expects that several departments will wish to issue their own press notices commenting on and explaining the plans set out in the White Paper. These should be cleared in advance with the relevant Treasury expenditure divisions.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to Ministers in charge of Departments, the Chief Whip and Sir Robin Butler, and to Mr Bernard Ingham.

Yours,
Jill

JILL RUTTER
Private Secretary

MR ARCHY KIRKWOOD: To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he expects to publish the White Paper on Public Expenditure.

DRAFT REPLY

The 1988 Public Expenditure White Paper will be published at 11.30am on Wednesday 20 January and copies will be available in the Vote Office.