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HOUSE OF COMMONS

4 May 1983

The Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw CH MC MP Secretary of State for the Home Department

Cecil Parkinson and I are very grateful to you and all the Cabinet colleagues for the notes of material you would like to suggest for inclusion in an election Manifesto. This cannot be finally drawn together into a full text until a decision is made about an election date. But in the meantime I am sending you a draft dealing with your areas of responsibility for your urgent comments.

The piece draws as far as possible on the material you sent us. But, as always, condensation was needed to produce a document of reasonable length. So words and (we hope) minor points have been dropped fairly ruthlessly, and further shortening is still required. Could you now check your piece to identify any further points, old or new, which have a strong claim to be included; to make sure the tone and balance are right; and to shorten or simplify further wherever possible?

There is no need for us to tell you that we need to know your views as quickly as possible so that we can be ready for every contingency. It is vital that I receive your comments by 4.00 p.m. on Friday, May 6, at the latest.

GEOFFREY HOWE