



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

26 September 1985

Thank you for your letter of 11 September, seeking the Prime Minister's agreement to your Secretary of State's proposal that a new Management Board be created in the Ordnance Survey.

The Prime Minister is content in principle with your Secretary of State's proposal. Before any announcement is made, however, she would like to see a statement specifying the responsibilities and reporting arrangements which would apply to the new Board. She has noted that the new code for departments on non-departmental public bodies emphasises the importance of establishing these clearly at the outset. The Prime Minister would like the announcement to include an outline of those responsibilities. She also wishes the announcement to make clear that Ministers have the final responsibility for ensuring the OS gives value for money and is set tough and realistic performance targets.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry), Rob Smith (Department of Education and Science), Geoff Dart (Department of Energy), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), John Graham (Scottish Office), Colin Williams (Welsh Office), Tony Laurance (DHSS), Andrew Lansley (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), Richard Allan (Department of Transport), Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF), Richard Stoate (Lord Chancellor's Office), Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Michael McCulloch (ODA), Sir Robin Ibbs and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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