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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY

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CEGB Low NOx Programme

1. Thank you for copying to me your letter of 9 April to John MacGregor. I have now had a chance to see Nicholas Ridley's, Paul Channon's and Peter Brooke's responses.
2. I endorse their welcome of the CEGB proposals. Their implementation would be valuable both in countering our critics on the issue of acid rain and in the context of negotiations on the EC Large Combustions Plant Directive.
3. I agree with Nicholas Ridley that we should announce the decision at, or just before, the 21 May Environment Council. Our flue gas desulphurisation retrofit programme succeeded in significantly improving our negotiating position on sulphur dioxide emissions. I suggest officials meet under Cabinet Office auspices to discuss how we can best capitalise on the decision in the EC negotiations.
4. I am copying this minute to recipients of yours.

(GEOFFREY HOWE)

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