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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Bill,

The Prime Minister's visit to Paris on 5 June : Energy

As you know, your Secretary of State is calling on the Prime Minister this afternoon and I think it would be helpful to him to have an account of the Prime Minister's discussion with President Giscard in Paris yesterday on energy matters. I therefore enclose, for his personal information, a copy of the relevant extract from my note of the Prime Minister's talks. I should be grateful if you would ensure that any subsequent distribution of this record is strictly limited and confined to those senior officials directly concerned with the topics discussed.

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Following her talks with President Giscard in Paris, the Prime Minister visited the Eurodif uranium enrichment plant which is nearing completion at Tricastin, near Pierrelatte in southern France. The Prime Minister was given a thorough and effective briefing on the plant by M. Pecqueur, the Administrator-General of the Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique, during her flight down to Tricastin and she was, I think, very impressed by everything which she saw there. It might be helpful to Mr. Howell to glance at the enclosed hand-out on Eurodif which we were given, in case the Prime Minister mentions her visit to the plant.

I am sending copies of this letter, without enclosures, to George Walden (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,
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