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From the Private Secretary

16 December 1980

BF for Hansard

Gas Gathering Pipeline and Disposal of Natural Gas Liquids

The Prime Minister has considered your Secretary of State's minute of 9 December, the Secretary of State for Industry's minute of 15 December, and also the Chief Secretary's letter of 15 December.

This is to confirm that the Prime Minister is content with Mr. Howell's proposals, and that he should make a statement on the lines of the draft attached to his minute, subject to the amendment proposed by the Chief Secretary at the beginning of paragraph 5. She also accepts that this statement can be made by Written Answer tomorrow (Wednesday).

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the members of E, Godfrey Robson (Scottish Office), Robin Birch (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), Richard Prescott (Paymaster General's Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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