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From the Private Secretary

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Nuclear Proliferation

The Prime Minister has seen the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute of 25 July. She feels that she cannot agree to the circulation of the paper attached to Sir Geoffrey's minute to our colleagues in the European Community, the United States, Canada and Australia. She has fundamental objections to the policies he proposes. In particular, she does not think it would be right to establish a 'Nuclear Energy for Progress' fund as suggested in paragraph 15 of the paper. Not only is she sceptical that this would have any beneficial effect on developing countries' attitudes to the NPT, she also feels that the United Kingdom would be inevitably called upon to make a substantial contribution to this fund.

I am copying this to the other members of OD and to Julian West (Department of Energy) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever

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