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Your Private Secretary's letter to mine of 18 July conveyed your comment that I might like to look into the work of the Technology Department at Taylor Woodrow. I have, of course, known Sir Frank Taylor for many years and indeed have discussed with him only last week Taylor Woodrow's work in the energy field. I shall certainly be looking with interest to the further development of these possibilities, and would very much like to think that we could make effective use of unconventional sources as early as they become economic. What I have heard so far, however, all seems consistent with the view that these sources will not contribute to energy supplies over the next two decades on a scale which significantly affects the choices on major resources we have to make.

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Secretary of State for Energy

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