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The Rt Hon Peter Walker MP  
Secretary of State for Energy  
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*Dear Secretary of State,*

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND EFFICIENCY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute to the Prime Minister of 6 July. *- with MCS?*

2 I would like to reaffirm the support expressed by Patrick Jenkin, as Secretary of State for Industry, both for establishing an Energy Efficiency office and for setting up a unified budget under your Department's control. Patrick made a few points in his letter of 17 May about continuing consultation by your Department with others concerned and I assume that these points are acceptable to you.

3 The question of transferring resources has been discussed at some length between our two Departments, and you will be aware that we could not accept the Rayner recommendations on this aspect. This is primarily because much of the effort which the Department of Industry was devoting to energy conservation work at the time of Rayner has since had to be redeployed to work of higher priority, such as the promotion of new technology, and is thus no longer available for transfer.

4 Subject to these reservations, however, I am happy to support your proposals.

5 I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and other recipients of your minute.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Candice Varley*

*(approved by  
The Secretary of State and signed  
in his absence)*



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