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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 July, 1985.

Dear Joan,

BNFL PRE-1971 WASTES

The Prime Minister has seen the Lord President's minute of 2 July and is pleased to note that an agreement has been reached on the attribution of costs for treating BNFL pre-1971 wastes.

I am sending copies of this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Richard Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office, HM Treasury), Geoff Dart (Department of Energy), John Ballard (Department of the Environment), and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely

Andrew Turnbull

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Miss Joan MacNaughton,
Lord President's Office.

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Private Minute ②

Will help from the Cabinet Office
Lord Whitelaw has resolved one of
of Whitelaw's longest running
disputes

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PRIME MINISTER

BNFL Pre-1971 Wastes

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Your Private Secretary's letter of 19 April recorded your request that I should seek to arrive at an apportionment of the costs of treating BNFL pre-1971 wastes attributable to past military activity between the defence budget and the contingency Reserve acceptable to the Chief Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence.

2. Peter Rees and Michael Heseltine have now agreed to accept an equal split of the costs in all years between the Reserve and the defence budget. If you are content with this arrangement, MOD and Treasury will examine the costs in more detail in discussion with BNFL.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to the Secretary of State for Defence, the Chief Secretary, the Secretaries of State for Energy and Environment and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Privy Council Office
2 July 1985

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