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ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE CIVIL ESTATE

attached

Thank you for your letter of 31 July.

I recognise the importance of energy management both as a means of conserving valuable natural resources and for the less altruistic motive of reducing our running costs. We have made a good start on what is a major task with an estate of some 1400 buildings. My comments on the specific points that you raise are set out below.

Appointment of an Energy Manager

We have, with the Department of the Environment (Central), appointed a full-time Energy Manager who works in the Property Management Unit that serves both Departments. He has taken full advantage of the training courses and seminars that PSA provide on the subject.

Monitoring and Targeting System

The Energy Manager is in touch with the two Departments' 235 accommodation officers and will shortly be making detailed arrangements for the collection of consumption data for individual buildings to supplement that already provided by PSA.

We are awaiting delivery of a suitable micro-computer to run your Department's sponsored software. This will enable us to set energy consumption targets for all our main buildings and, in time, we plan to apply this procedure to those buildings which account for 80% of the Department's annual spend of £2.4 million.

Our energy strategy is to reduce expenditure by 20% in the 4 years up to 1989/90. The target reduction for bills relating to the current financial year is £100,000.

Financing Energy Conservation Work

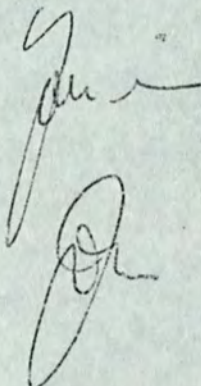
We are taking action on 2 fronts:

- giving priority to no-cost and low-cost measures; and
- exploring the possibility of using current savings on fuel bills to finance further capital energy conservation work within our PRS delegation.

Progress made by the Department

It is too early to put a figure on savings generated in the current financial year, but we are optimistic that we can meet our 5% target saving.

/ A copy of this letter goes to the Prime Minister and Sir Robert Armstrong.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'John Moore', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name 'JOHN MOORE'.

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