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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY

Handling of Community Energy Matters During UK Presidency

1. Thank you for your letter of 8 July setting out your views on the handling of Community energy matters during our Presidency. I welcome your approach, and agree with your proposals for handling discussion of nuclear issues among the member states in the run-up to the September IAEA meeting. I believe we shall have sufficient support, especially from the French, to be able to handle the discussions in the way you suggest. I think we have effectively headed off the idea of a nuclear safety inspectorate.

2. I welcome your idea of an informal meeting of Energy Ministers in September and, in particular, your plan to use the occasion to promote energy efficiency throughout the Community.

3. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister, Nicholas Ridley, Michael Jopling, Malcolm Rifkind and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office
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