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My Secretary of State has seen David Goodall's minute of 6 May to you, and has asked me to say that he endorses the conclusion reached by officials that ECGD should not be asked to withhold offers of cover, which are acceptable on the basis of their normal criteria, for the oil and gas contracts under consideration.

Copies of this letter go to the Private Secretaries to members of OD, the Secretaries of State for Industry and Energy and Sir Robert Armstrong.

JOHN RHODES Private Secretary

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