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From the Principal Private Secretary

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DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE

When your Secretary of State telephoned the Prime Minister this afternoon about another matter, the Prime Minister mentioned to him that Lord Marshall, Chairman of the CEGB, had tackled her at a private lunch (at which others had been present) at Chequers over the weekend about his ideas for disposing of nuclear waste. The Prime Minister had told him that responsibility for this issue lay with the Secretary of State for the Environment, and that he should discuss his ideas with him and with your Secretary of State.

The Prime Minister had gathered from Lord Marshall that he had identified a number of suitable disposal sites and had suggested that the one chosen might be authorised by the Special Development Order Procedure. The Prime Minister told Lord Marshall to discuss this with the Ministers concerned so that she might in due course discuss it with them, and Lord Marshall.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Robin Young (Department of the Environment).

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