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Dear Mr McMeekin,

Thank you for your letter of 29 January about Sayvol F following my conversation with Phillip Gwyn.

The Department is familiar with the products of RMR Ltd and I understand that the Secretary of State corresponded with Peter Fry MP last year.

I understand that the Sayvol chemical additives are now being used by an increasing number of industrial firms and that the laboratories of both the NCB and the C.E.G.B. have also investigated their performance.

7 || Department of Energy officials have been in touch with the laboratories and I understand that the products have been subjected to thorough investigation and that you have been advised of the results.

If you wish to discuss further the technical issues involved may I suggest that you contact Mr G S Dearnley in the Department's Energy Technology Division, whose telephone number is 211 4658.

Kindest regards.

*Yours sincerely,
 Mark Goodlad*

ALASTAIR GOODLAD

*His response
 essentially polite but Negative
 Not Dept policy to investigate
 -> up to private industry.*

*Not correct No tests
 or results advised to
 us by C.E.G.B.
 NCB very helpful.*

"Off Record" Phone reaction by

Mr G S Dearnley

See Ministers Letter 11.2.86

1. Very polite but essentially negative.
2. Government not necessarily committed to European view on Pollution.
3. Admitted "investigation" did not mean trials, only intellectual consideration. I stressed we had no reports on actual product from CEGB.
4. Admitted strong scepticism on additives due to past failures.
5. Department is not organised to encourage trials even in installations under Government control.
6. Even if our "savings" claim is correct they should leave penetration to RMR as it is private industry - admitted slightly unsatisfactory attitude in Energy Year.
- 6a. His attitude was any additive improvement merely reflected lack of efficiency and poor maintenance in boiler. Accepted grudgingly that in the "real world" most installations were not perfect
7. Very helpful in stressing how difficult it is to prove pollution saving without long and costly trials. Only Government agencies or multinationals (i.e. Shell) giving willing co-operation could give results.
8. Concluded by expressing interest in how we go on!