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*Dear Nick,*

ACID RAIN: DRAFT EC DIRECTIVE ON LARGE COMBUSTION PLANTS

I refer to your minute of 29 October, seeking agreement to a brief for the Minister of State's negotiating position on this Directive at the Environment Council on 24 November.

I think your proposal offers some prospect of avoiding isolation of the UK position and of attracting limited support. It is however the minimum package which is likely to carry any credibility, and it should therefore not be watered down.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, to other members of E(A) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours ever,*  
*Mal*

MALCOLM RIFKIND

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