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Dear Nicholas,

ACID RAIN: DRAFT EC DIRECTIVE ON LARGE COMBUSTION PLANTS

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 6 November to Peter Walker. It was also helpful to receive a copy of Geoffrey Howe's letter of 7 November, which suggests slight further modifications to your ideas. *with CDP*

The safeguards now suggested for sulphur dioxide are reassuring. I can now agree to including this element in the Presidency package, on the clear understanding that no additional FGD retrofitting of coal-fired power stations will be required beyond what was agreed by E(A) in September. I can therefore also agree to including general aims for nitrogen oxides in your Presidency compromise. I am of course content with the new plant element of the draft directive.

I am copying this letter to E(A) colleagues, Geoffrey Howe and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours etc.

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