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*Dear Nick,*

THIRD REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:  
POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND ESTUARIES

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 23 May to John MacGregor, and the accompanying draft report.

*file with DM*

As the draft makes clear, the issues relate mainly to England and Wales and I have no substantive comments to make. However, a number of your proposals apply equally in Scotland, notably those which arise from the North Sea Conference and from changes proposed to the water pollution control provisions of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

I am therefore asking my officials to keep in touch with yours on these matters so that we can move forward in step. I think it important that this should be made public, and I should be grateful to see the draft of your forthcoming announcement.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister, members of E(A) and to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours over,  
Malcolm Rifkind*

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