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Prime Minister

BRITISH POLICY IN THE ANTARCTIC : MINERALS

I have seen the Foreign Secretary's minute of 16 December to you about the next stage in the negotiations on an Antarctic minerals regime.

Our objectives for the January Conference in Wellington have not changed. I agree, therefore, that the brief approved by OD for the first meeting last June should provide the basis for negotiation by the UK delegation.

I am copying this to OD colleagues and to the Secretaries of State for Education and Science, Industry and Environment.

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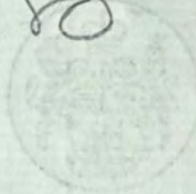
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