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Dear Secretary of State

INTEGRATED POLLUTION CONTROL

Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 5 July to the Prime Minister enclosing a copy of a draft consultation paper on integrated pollution control which you hoped to have published before the Summer Recess.

The draft consultation paper had been circulated earlier to officials in Northern Ireland and although the effects of an integrated system would be more limited in the Province because of the smaller industrial base, I am satisfied that a broadly similar scheme should be introduced here. Some internal re-organisation and limited additional staffing resources will, however, be required in the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland.

I am content with the consultation paper and I shall be arranging for a similar consultation document to be issued in Northern Ireland. I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

Your snarly North Donelly

(Approved by the Secretary of State and signed in his absence)

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CC

Prime Minister, members of E(A), the Lord President and Sir Robin Butler.

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