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From the Principal Private Secretary

18 January 1989

Dear Mr Silk,

**SELECT COMMITTEE ENQUIRY: ENERGY POLICY AND THE
GREENHOUSE EFFECT**

I have consulted the Prime Minister about your letter of 17 January to me inviting the Prime Minister to give evidence to the Energy Committee's enquiry into the energy policy implications of the greenhouse effect. The lead Department on the wider question of the global climate is the Department of the Environment. If the Committee need background information on the greenhouse effect as part of their study on the energy policy implications, Department of Environment officials are able to provide a very good account. The Prime Minister therefore sees no need to give evidence herself.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Hauser at the Department of Energy and to Roger Bright at the Department of the Environment.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Turnbull

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