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Prime Minister

OZONE CONFERENCE - 7 MARCH

I have seen a copy of David Young's minute to you of 6 February in which he suggested that you might include in your speech to the Ozone Conference a passage describing the initiative he has in hand to promote a more positive attitude to environmental protection on the part of industry.

I believe that it would be a most timely and advantageous announcement for you to make. It would pick up an important theme of the Conference - and, I suggest, your speech - that progress in solving the problem of ozone depletion will come about through innovation and technology transfer by industry in co-operation with Governments. The announcement would have a particular impact on this international audience because it would represent in a dramatic way the implementation of a key Brundtland concept, that of integrating environmental considerations into economic policy making. Few countries have made progress in this difficult area and we should get considerable credit for showing a lead.

I am copying this minute to David Young.

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