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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Gareth

OZONE CONFERENCE: 7 MARCH

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 6 February on which the Secretary of State for the Environment also commented in his minute of 13 February.

The Prime Minister certainly agrees that it is important to emphasise in her speech the part that industry can and must play to preserve the environment (and will of course refer to improvements available through the substitutes for damaging CFCs, which ICI and others are developing). This is referred to in the revised synopsis which Charles Powell circulated under cover of his 9 February letter to Deborah Lamb.

The Prime Minister does not however feel that it would be right to make an announcement, trailing a new awareness programme, of the sort your Secretary of State had in mind. In her view there is already sufficient awareness both among Government, industry and the consumer in the UK about the problem giving rise to ozone depletion and possible solutions. The need is for action, and action on an international scale, and it is that on which the Conference should focus.

A copy of this letter goes to Deborah Lamb (Department of the Environment).

Yours ever

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