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*Dear Geoffrey.*

**GREENHOUSE EFFECT: GAS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION**

Cecil Parkinson sent me a copy of his letter of *top enc* 31 January to you.

I strongly support Cecil's conclusion that we should seek the repeal of the relevant EC directives. For the reasons he mentions, and in particular perhaps the development of the competitive market in generation following privatisation of the electricity industry, it is important that we remove inhibitions to the development of gas fired generation. I agree that officials should meet to consider tactics.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Nicholas Ridley, David Young, Kenneth Baker, John MacGregor, Paul Channon, Cecil Parkinson and Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours ever*  
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PETER BROOKE

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