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Dear Stephen,

OZONE CONFERENCE: ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

... I enclose a copy of a letter of 28 February which my Secretary of State sent to Nicholas Ridley in response to his letter of 21 February to your Secretary of State.

Copies of this with attachment go to the Private Secretaries of the recipients of Nicholas Ridley's original letter.

Yours,


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OZONE CONFERENCE: ASSISTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

I am replying to your letter of 21 February to Geoffrey Howe and which you kindly copied to me, accompanied by a draft policy statement for the UK to issue at the above Conference, on the provision of assistance to developing countries.

I am content with the statement as it stands. I can see that there may be criticism from some quarters that the UK is not offering enough but so far as this Department's interests are concerned, I believe that we must necessarily proceed with caution. We cannot expect our industries to give anything away in terms of prices or transfer of technology on other than commercial terms - this would remove the motivation to invest in developing the safer substances which should help solve the problem.

Neither do I see any scope, as far as the Aid and Trade Provision is concerned, for focussing aid on CFC-related projects. Its role is essentially to support the export of UK goods and services. If developing countries call for tenders for CFC-related projects and UK companies seek assistance in responding to those calls, such requests will be treated - like any others - in the light of their industrial and commercial significance to the UK. But developing countries must be persuaded of the need to view such projects as a priority - which of course will be one of the functions of the Conference.

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