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CC: HUGHES, FCO (MAED)

YOUR TELNO 135: PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH TO THE OZONE CONFERENCE

1. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SEE AN EXCELLENT DRAFT.

2. I HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

α - PAGE 14 (SECOND PARA): I HOPE THE SCIENCE FOR THIS SUGGESTION IS SOUNDLY BASED. IT SOUNDS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE TO ME. THE AVERAGE LIFE OF AN OZONE MOLECULE IS ONLY AROUND 18 MONTHS SO REPLENISHMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONTINUOUS. TECHNICAL FIXES OF THIS KIND, EVEN IF FEASIBLE, USUALLY CREATE MORE PROBLEMS THAN THEY SOLVE.

✓ - PAGE 29 (SECOND TIRET): I THINK IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY: ''STEPS WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY ALLOW IT TO RECOVER''.

X - PAGE 36: A COLOURFUL IDEA FOR FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO CFC'S FOR CLEANING SILICON CHIPS IS TO USE A PREPARATION BASED ON CITRUS JUICES. THIS NEEDS CHECKING WITH YOUR SCIENTISTS, BUT IT HAS RECENTLY HAD A RUN IN THE U S SCIENTIFIC PRE S, AND WOULD MAKE A GOOD ILLUSTRATION OF YOUR POINT.

X - PAGE 44: I STILL JIB AT THE PHRASE ''OZONE FRIENDLY PRODUCTS,'' THE MORE SO AS INCREASING OZONE POLLUTION AT GROUND LEVEL IN MANY CITIES HAS RECENTLY ATTRACTED MUCH CRITICISM. THE PHRASE MIGHT THEREFORE BOOMERANG. YOU COULD REFER INSTEAD TO THE CHOICE BETWEEN PRODUCTS IN SHOPS AND SUPERMARKETS WHICH WERE FRIENDLY TO LIFE OR COULD DAMAGE IT FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

U 3. MORE GENERALLY YOU MIGHT INTRODUCE THE THOUGHT, PRESUMABLY AT THE BEGINNING, THAT IF WE CANNOT COPE WITH THE RELATIVELY NARROW PROBLEM OF OZONE DEPLETION, THEN THE CHANCES OF COPING WITH THE MUCH BROADER AND MORE COMPLICATED PROBLEM OF CLIMATIC CHANGE MUST BE VANISHINGLY SMALL. I NOTICE INCIDENTALLY THAT YOUR REFERENCE TO ''GLOBAL WARMING'' ON PAGE 19 IS UNQUALIFIED. THAT IS THE ORTHODOX

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VIEW. WE SHALL HAVE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCUSSING THE QUESTION.  
BUT THERE IS AN OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT WHEN GREENHOUSE GASES HAVE LED  
WARMING UP TO A CERTAIN POINT, NATURAL CORRECTIVES COULD BE TRIGGERED  
AND THE PROCESS REVERSED. FOR THE MOMENT I SIMPLY ADVISE CAUTION ON  
THIS POINT.

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