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Dear Prime Minister, <sup>(4) I have acknowledged</sup>

I was very pleased that we were able to sign the final act resulting from the Hazardous Waste Convention in Basle which ended yesterday. That was due to a considerable effort by Dr. Tolba to avoid a vote on the wording and which, if it had taken place, would have meant the U.K. voting against it probably on our own.

Dr Tolba is not well and should be resting but thankfully his determination to see this through and his immense help to persuade others on the U.K. view meant there was a convention to sign. I enclose a letter to you from him.



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You will be pleased to know that many delegations complemented me on the way the Ozone Conference had been handled and what a major step the U.K. had taken.

Yours

Malcolm