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MINISTER FOR HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT AND COUNTRYSIDE

Car Exhaust Emission Standards

1. Thank you for your *with you!* letter of 21 April. I have also seen Paul Channon's letter of 24 April.
2. I agree with the approach you propose. You may wish to present the US test procedure as a Europe-wide arrangement, given that EFTA countries apply it already.
3. The French are also thinking of moving to support the Commission. They too will seek concessions from the Commission in return for their change of heart. This reinforces the case for our speaking to the Commission without delay.
4. I agree that we should press the Commission to bring forward proposals to improve fuel economy and reduce CO₂ emissions.
5. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister, members of OD(E), the Secretaries of State for Energy, Trade and Industry and Transport, and to Sir Robin Butler.

(GEOFFREY HOWE)