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Dear Chief Secretary

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I have seen a copy of David Young's letter to you of 22 June.

In the context of the current PES round I have already considered what provision DOE should seek for research in support of policy on climate change, in the light of the Chief Scientific Adviser's paper to us for our meeting of 19 April. You will know that I am proposing to fund the climate change modelling at the Meteorological Office, and I have not sought PES transfers from colleagues although clearly the output from that work will be an important tool for the evaluation of many policies other than my own. I do not see my responsibilities extending to the provision of satellite development or instrumentation.

I am sorry that this does not help David with his funding problem but I thought it as well that you should know where I stand. In the circumstances I can only suggest that David seriously considers funding ERS-2 on exactly the same basis as he funded ERS-1. The case as I understand it for ERS-2 is largely that the lifetime of ERS-1 may be inadequate for some of the purposes for which it was intended.

Copies of this letter go to recipients of yours.

CEJ Bush

PP NICHOLAS RIDLEY

(approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence)

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