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his reports to you concern  
that there should not be overlapping  
between work in  
the OECD & in the EC. CDD

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relevant extract from Paris Summit  
Economic Declaration attached. 24/8. mt

Dear Charles

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Thank you for your letter of 1 August about the Commission's  
proposal for a European Environment Agency.

It is our understanding that the Paris Economic Summit called on the  
OECD to consider how environmental indicators could be developed in  
the context of integrating environment and economic decision making.  
This is a broad remit which will build on the pioneering work of  
Professor David Pearce, the Secretary of State's newly appointed  
Special Adviser. The proposed Agency will primarily provide basic  
scientific and other data in such areas as atmospheric emissions,  
soil erosion and water quality. Nevertheless, in presenting its  
proposal the Commission has drawn attention to the need to avoid  
duplication with the data-gathering and monitoring activities of  
such bodies at the OECD and UNEP. The Secretary of State will stress  
the importance of this when he takes part in the first political  
discussion of the Agency at the Environment Council on 19 September.

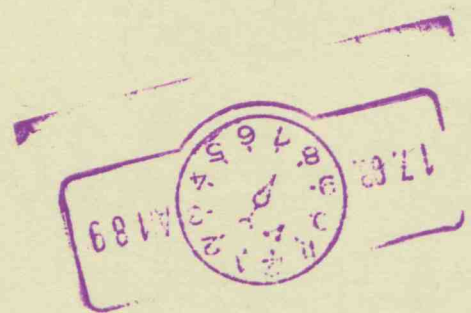
In the meantime officials in the Department are preparing a paper  
for discussion at EQO, and for subsequent clearance by Ministers, on  
the main issues raised by the proposed Agency. This paper will  
outline ways in which duplication can be kept to a minimum. It will  
also indicate ways in which we believe the Agency could provide more  
reliable data than OECD and UNEP are at present able to draw on.

Yours

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We encourage the World Bank and regional development banks to integrate environmental considerations into their activities. International organizations such as the OECD and the United Nations and its affiliated organizations, will be asked to develop further techniques of analysis which would help governments assess appropriate economic measures to promote the quality of the environment. We ask the OECD, within the context of its work on integrating environment and economic decision-making, to examine how selected environmental indicators could be developed. We expect the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development to give additional momentum to the protection of the global environment.

38) To help developing countries deal with past damage and to encourage them to take environmentally desirable action, economic incentives may include the use of aid mechanisms and specific transfer of technology. In special cases, ODA debt forgiveness and debt for nature swaps can play a useful role in environmental protection.

We also emphasize the necessity to take into account the interests and needs of developing countries in sustaining the growth of their economies and the financial and technological requirements to meet environmental challenges.

39) The depletion of the stratospheric ozone layer is alarming and calls for prompt action.

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