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**NEW POLLUTION CONTROLS: PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION  
PUBLICATION OF CONSULTATION PAPER**

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I refer to your letter of 18 August to the Prime Minister's Private Secretary in which you sought comments on the draft consultation paper on public access to the information which will be held by the pollution control authorities under the new pollution control systems to be introduced by the Environmental Protection Bill.

We have no comments on what is proposed in the draft consultation paper but suggest that an additional paragraph on the following lines be added to the press notice, in the section "Notes to Editors", to indicate that the proposals in the consultation paper relate to England and Wales only.

"The proposals in the consultation paper relate to England and Wales only. Proposals for changes in the system of pollution control in Scotland have been published separately and the Scottish Office will shortly publish its own proposals for public access to information".

Copies go to Caroline Slocock, Private Secretaries to members of E(A), to the Foreign and Home Secretaries, the Secretary of State for Defence and Sir Robin Butler.

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