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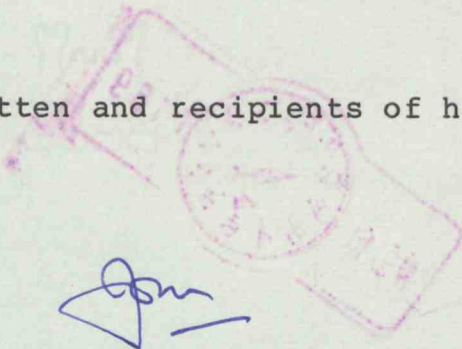
Prime Minister

**ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

I have seen Chris Patten's minute of 27 September. I agree entirely with him that publication of a White Paper along the lines he proposes will enable us to present all our environmental achievements and policies in a coherent and convincing fashion. Publication in time for the World Climate Conference in October next year will establish our credentials for influencing the direction of that Conference's thinking.

I welcome Chris's offer of consultation over the content of the White Paper. Many aspects will be of direct interest to my Department, including the successful promotion of unleaded petrol and the question of nuclear waste. It will be particularly important to ensure that no damaging uncertainties are raised in the minds of investors in the run-up to flotation of the new electricity companies.

I am copying this to Chris Patten and recipients of his minute.

**Secretary of State for Energy**5<sup>th</sup> October 1989