

NOTE FOR FILE

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TWO THOUGHTS FOR U N SPEECH

The following statement is attributed to Immanuel Kant:

'It is often necessary to make a decision on the basis of knowledge sufficient for action but insufficient to satisfy the intellect.'

This seems exactly to describe the Prime Minister's position on global warming. Do what makes sense anyway, such as tropical forest conservation and improved energy efficiency, while intensifying the scientific effort to establish more accurate measures of the real risks.

In lighter vein, Einstein once defined the environment as "everything that isn't me"!



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