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From the Minister's Private Office

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Dear Kate

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BILL: GENETICALLY MANIPULATED ORGANISMS.

Thank you for copying to us the letter from the Secretary of State for the Environment to the Lord President. As you know, our Departments have been in touch to ensure that the responsibilities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are correctly incorporated in the Green Bill and we appreciate that you are working against a deadline in sending the current instructions to Parliamentary Counsel. We have therefore agreed that the instructions go forward on the understanding that it is made quite clear to Counsel that supplementary instructions giving effect to the role of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food are to follow and the appropriate provisions incorporated in the Bill before it is published.

On this understanding my Minister sees no difficulties with the Secretary of State proceeding as indicated in his letter.

Copies of this letter go to the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, Private Secretaries to members of "H" Committee, Ministry of Defence and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely

A J Lebrecht
Principal Private Secretary

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