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PRIME MINISTER

European Environment Agency - Proposal for Siting in UK

will CSP?
1. I have seen the Secretary of State for the Environment's minute of 23 November, and agree with him that we need to narrow the UK field to one site, with reserves, if we are to have any chance of securing this agency for the UK - there is heavy competition, with nine other countries bidding. I also think this needs to happen quickly. It is for the Secretary of State for the Environment to say whether with his attractive booklet he wants to raise hopes only to dash most of them, but the sooner we can make a choice the more strongly it will run.

2. Copies of this minute go to the Secretaries of State for the Environment, Trade and Industry, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and Sir Robin Butler.

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