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The Industrial Air Pollution Inspectorate was transferred from the Department of the Environment to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) when the HSE was set up in 1975. Policy responsibility for the control of pollution rests with Department of the Environment Ministers, and it is to them that the Health and Safety Commission reports in respect of its responsibility for the control of air pollution from certain industrial processes.

2. The Department of the Environment, and particularly its Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Mr Waldegrave) would like to take the Industrial Air Pollution Inspectorate back into the Department of the Environment. The CBI are also pressing for the Inspectorate to go back to the Department of the Environment. The Prime Minister may therefore be receiving a minute from the Secretary of State for the Environment proposing the transfer. The proposal is very likely to be strongly resisted by the Secretary of State for Employment.

3. This is simply to give you advance warning that this proposal may be reaching the Prime Minister, and suggest that, if it does, the Prime Minister should refer the matter to me for advice.

  
Approved by  
ROBERT ARMSTRONG  
*and you & his name*

30 May 1985