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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Roger

ELECTRICITY PRICES AND LARGE INDUSTRIAL CONSUMERS

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 26 July. She has also seen the Secretary of State for Scotland's minute of 1 August and the Chancellor's of the same date.

The Prime Minister has noted that schemes of this kind have been considered before. She believes it is important that a group of officials from interested departments should first consider and advise on the economic implications of, and the assumptions behind, the proposal put forward in your Secretary of State's minute: the Policy Unit would also need to be represented on the Group. This would pave the way for a discussion by Ministers.

Since the Prime Minister left the office to go on holiday, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and the Secretary of State for Wales have also written and your Secretary of State has now responded to the points made in the Chancellor's minute. No doubt the working group will be able to take up and discuss this further correspondence, together with the other minutes already circulated.

I am copying this letter to Tony Kuczys (HM Treasury), John Graham (Scottish Office), Colin Williams (Welsh Office), John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry), David Normington (Department of Employment), Richard Hatfield (Sir Robert Armstrong's office) and John Wiggins (Cabinet Office).

I am also copying this letter, together with the previous correspondence, to Henry Steel in the Law Officers' Department.

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