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PRIME MINISTER'S TOUR OF BNFL AND CEGB SITES

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the outline programme for the Prime Minister's proposed tour of BNFL and CEGB sites on 1 November. Assuming that the Prime Minister is happy to cover such extensive ground in one day, the programme is sensible and includes the most important features on each site.

It is some time since I have visited Capenhurst and Springfield, and I doubt whether there will be much that I can usefully add to the brief which I imagine that the Department of Energy will be providing. I have, however, paid a fairly recent visit to Sellafield and I would welcome the opportunity to remind the Prime Minister of some key issues which may not be fully covered by DEn.

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The visit to Heysham is in some ways the most important in the light of the decision which Ministers will shortly need to take on the Sizewell pressurised water reactor (PWR). There is still an animated debate on the relative efficiencies of the PWR and the advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR) - an issue of considerable importance. I am sure that Lord Marshall will present one side of the argument forcibly during the visit, and I suggest that you ask DEn to ensure that their briefing covers the issue fully.

It would be helpful if I could see the DEn brief before I comment further on the above issues.

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Sir Robin Nicholson

As you know, the Prime Minister is proposing to do a tour of BNFL and CEGB sites on 1 November.

We now have a programme from Department of Energy, drawn up in conjunction with BNFL and CEGB (copy attached).

I should be grateful for any comments you may wish to make on this, before we submit it to the Prime Minister for her approval.

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