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8/11*FCS/84/289SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTGovernment Response to the House of Commons Environment Select
Committee's Report on Acid Rain

1. Thank you for copying to me your minute of 2 November to the Prime Minister enclosing the Government's proposed response to the Select Committee's Report on Acid Rain.

I have seen copies of the replies from the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary, the Secretary of State for Energy and the Secretary of State for Agriculture.

2. I too agree with the line you propose to take. As you say this is an issue on which we will continue to face pressure both at home and abroad. This clear statement of our policy together with the detailed presentation of the thinking which lies behind it should be useful in correcting misunderstandings of our position and intentions; but as I know you agree, we must continue to coordinate very carefully the presentation abroad of our policy on this issue. I attach importance to our officials continuing to work closely together on this.

3. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister, Peter Walker, Nigel Lawson, George Younger, Nicholas Edwards, Norman Tebbit, Michael Jopling, Norman Fowler, Nicholas Ridley, Sir Robert Armstrong and Robin Nicholson.

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