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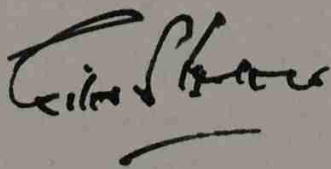
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GUANGDONG NUCLEAR PROJECT

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Peter Walker has asked me to comment on Norman Tebbit's minute of 10 August to you on this project. I would be content to see the formula which he suggests adopted as an exceptional arrangement. However I do not believe we should regard it is exceptional to have involvement by Government in exports of major nuclear facilities. Indeed our international treaty obligations make some involvement inevitable on large projects.

It is arguable that GEC would not be in such a good position to obtain a contract without a great deal of political and financial support from the Government. However I believe we should be prepared where appropriate to give political backing to the export efforts of the nuclear industry. Certainly I am happy to continue to do what I can in this important field.

Copies of this letter go to Members of EX Committee and to Jim Prior.



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