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MRS RUDDOCK'S CONTROL OF POLLUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL

Thank you for sending David Young a copy of your letter of 31 March to John Wakeham.

I am content with what you propose given the circumstances you describe. However, I remain concerned about the risks to innocent operators from overly-draconian enforcement provisions. I regard it as important that the Bill as amended should go no further than is absolutely necessary to make the arrangements credible and effective.

I note that your officials will continue discussions with mine on the wording of the Government amendments.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

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