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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The Rt Hon Patrick Jenkin MP
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the Environment
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7 February 1984

Dear Patrick,

copy attached
(original in
Cabinet Folder)

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 3 February to Nigel Lawson about the state of the capital stock.

I agree with what you write.

We need, it seems to me, to take a measured view of the problem against a longish time-scale and within the inevitable financial constraints if we are to avoid storing up trouble for ourselves either in this Parliament or the next.

As the issue is, as you imply, sensitive, I hope that any inter-departmental study would do its job without publicity.

I am copying this letter as you did yours.

Kevin Keoh.

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