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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

14 July 1980

Dear Julian,

ENERGY CONSERVATION

When the Prime Minister entertained your Secretary of State and his colleagues to lunch today, the conversation turned to energy conservation, on which Mr. Howell minuted the Prime Minister on 3 July 1980.

The Prime Minister said that she was reluctant to agree that this matter should be put to E because the paper in its present form did not seem to her to contain anything specific enough to provide a basis on which Ministers could reach decisions. Some consideration was then given to the suggestion that your Secretary of State might raise the matter orally in Cabinet and invite his Cabinet colleagues to agree to enter into bilateral discussions with Mr. Moore. But after further discussion your Secretary of State said that he would prefer to take the question away and reflect further on how best to proceed, and the Prime Minister agreed that he should do this.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

Alan White

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