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SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS

John Nott wrote to you on 17 June setting out a way forward on the procurement of special nuclear materials.

2. I heartily endorse all that he says, and especially the points he makes at the end of his third paragraph.

3. I would only add that even to keep Destiny "ticking over" may well cost some £15 million this year: the sooner we are in a position to decide whether or not to proceed with it, the better.

4. I am copying this letter to the Defence Secretary, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Energy Secretary and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

(G.H.)

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