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*Dear Prime Minister,*

The Government's Statement on the New Nuclear Power Programme

As you may be aware, the Select Committee on Energy is conducting an enquiry into the Government's recent statement on the new nuclear power programme.

As part of this enquiry, the Clerk to the Committee was instructed to write to the Director of the Central Policy Review Staff requesting a copy of the recent Report to Ministers on the future of the two AGR stations at Heysham II and Torness. The Committee has now had a chance to consider the reply from Mr. Ibbs, a copy of which I enclose.

I am now writing with the authority of the Committee to ask you personally if you will agree to furnish the Committee with a copy of the Report, which the Committee would, of course, be prepared to treat in confidence, if necessary. My colleagues and I feel very strongly that if we are to subject the advice available to Ministers on this crucial issue to the scrutiny which the House of Commons expects of us we must have access to an independent review of the sort carried out by the CPRS.

I hope that you will feel able to co-operate with the Committee in this matter.

*Yours truly,*  
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