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FOREIGN SECRETARY

Thank you for your minute of 16 January about the future of the Crown Agents.

2. I understand the difficulties which the continuing uncertainty must be causing for the Crown Agents' business abroad. Provided, therefore, that Patrick Jenkin accepts that Crown Suppliers would, if necessary, take this work on, I am content that the Chairman should be given authority to tell clients abroad that procurement and price certification functions will, at least for the time being, continue within the public sector.

3. Copies of this minute go to the Prime Minister, Patrick Jenkin and Norman Tebbit.

A handwritten signature, possibly 'N.L.', in dark ink.

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