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PRIME MINISTER

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I have seen Michael Heseltine's memorandum to you on the World Conservation Strategy document. I most warmly support his views.

The document is, as he says, moderate and sensible, and I believe there is a strong case for our going well beyond a platitudinous statement of general goodwill.

Apart from the immense importance of the subject itself, and the real need for action, this is a politically sensitive topic. We have a great deal to gain from being seen to be taking the subject seriously and giving a lead in constructive action.

I hope Michael Heseltine will receive support and encouragement. I would very much welcome a speech and/or television appearance by him during the Summer.

I am copying this to Michael and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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