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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Dear Rodric,

Sylvia Ostry has sent her Sherpa colleagues a letter, a copy of which I attach, in which she asks whether Governments are likely to raise any "ancillary" Summit initiatives for the Toronto Summit. She refers in particular to certain discussions among Summit Government science advisers regarding possible initiatives for the Toronto Summit.

First, on procedure, I will need to consult the Prime Minister about "ancillary" Summit initiatives before our meeting in Paris on 19-21 May. This will provide an opportunity to obtain Ministers' views on whether we should put forward any such initiatives, either for "formal" discussion at the Summit or for discussion in the "informal" closed session before dinner on the second day. On the latter, I await the further ideas which you refer to in your letter of 28 March.

Turning to Mrs. Ostry's latest letter, I should be glad to know whether there are any particular "ancillary" initiatives which you think we should table at the Toronto Summit so that I can obtain the Prime Minister's views in good time for the Paris meeting. I am sending a copy of this letter to Geoffrey Littler and should be grateful for his views too.

A copy goes too to John Fairclough in the Cabinet Office and I should be grateful if he could let me have information about the discussions among Summit Government science advisers of ideas on science and technology issues and possible initiatives for the Toronto Summit which Mrs. Ostry refers to in her letter. John will not be surprised to learn that I will need a good deal of convincing before recommending to the Prime Minister that HMG should put forward any initiatives in this field.

BF // Please could I have replies by Friday 29 April. Copies of this letter go to Robin Butler, Geoffrey Littler and John Fairclough.

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Dear Colleague

With the Toronto Summit drawing nearer and to avoid last minute surprises which could detract our attention from the key issues at the core of the agenda, I would be most grateful if you would plan to be able to discuss at our next meeting in Paris on 19-21 May, any "ancillary" Summit initiatives your government or others may propose for the Toronto Summit. Although we are agreed that the principal focus of the Toronto Summit should be on key economic issues, I am aware of discussions among Summit government science advisors of ideas on science and technology issues and of possible initiatives for the Toronto Summit that may be under consideration. For this reason, I have agreed to an informal meeting of Summit science advisors in Ottawa at the end of May. However, advisors will need guidance from Sherpas on what latitude, if any, exists for ancillary issues at Toronto.

If appropriate and possible please let me know, in advance of our next meeting, of any plans or views you may have in this area. I believe we should settle on Summit activity (or absence thereof) in the science and technology field, including environment, at our next meeting in order that our final meeting in early June can be devoted exclusively to the major economic and political issues on the Summit Agenda.

Yours sincerely

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