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*Dear Charles,*

**HOUSTON ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

My Secretary of State met William Reilly, the head of the US Environmental Protection Agency, on Tuesday night. Mr Reilly made a few comments about the Economic Summit which my Secretary of State has asked me to pass on to you.

Mr Reilly told Mr Patten that in his view the Prime Minister could play a particularly valuable role at the Summit in persuading President Bush of the scientific case for precautionary policies to combat global warming. This is fully in line with Mr Reilly's private view that the White House conference earlier this year could be considered a success if it convinced the Administration of the strength of international feeling and the need to take action. Mr Reilly also indicated that the US might push forestry at the Summit and may press for greater international co-operation on market based incentives. We will ensure that the Prime Minister is briefed on these points.

I am copying this letter to Richard Gozney at the FCO.

*Yours  
Phillip*

PHILLIP WARD  
Private Secretary

