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CLIMATIC CHANGE

You asked for comments on the proposed seminar.

The paper deals only with publicity before the event. We need also to be clear how we are to handle it on the day and subsequently, regardless of whether there is pre-publicity or not.

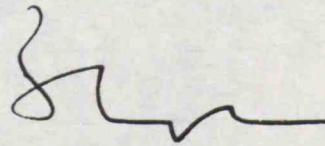
It is unlikely that the Government would be able to hold such a seminar without its becoming public. We seem to be as leaky on the environment as elsewhere - see yesterday's Observer.

Consequently, we ought to organise to gain credit from the event.

This argues for:

- i) a seminar in Downing Street on the lines of those held on education, the North-East and broadcasting
- ii) a press notice, incorporating the letter of invitation, which is issued at the same time the invitations go out; otherwise we shall lose control of the presentation of the event (if we have not already done so!)
- iii) a briefing after the event by me, similar to that which followed the broadcasting seminar, on the basis of lines agreed at the end of the event

- iv) consideration at that time of the possibility of a participating Minister giving radio and television interviews after the event; though, in view of the nature of the seminar, he would have no action or decisions to report.
- v) even if there is no pre-publicity (which would be unwise) a clear briefing line for use by No 10, Department of Environment and Cabinet Office immediately after the event.



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