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From the Private Secretary

26 January 1989

**UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME:
GLOBAL 500 ROLL OF HONOUR**

You wrote to Dominic Morris on 25 January about the proposal from the Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme to nominate the Prime Minister for a Global 500 Award. The Prime Minister would be very happy to accept.

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*Agree to accept
this award?*

25 January 1989

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Dear Dominic

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME: GLOBAL 500 ROLL OF HONOUR

The High Commission in Nairobi have heard informally from UNEP that Dr Tolba, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) would like to nominate the Prime Minister for a Global 500 Award.

UNEP's scheme was set up in 1987 to honour the environmental achievements of 50 people or institutions a year over a ten year period. UNEP describe the awards as a kind of environmental "Who's Who" and recipients have ranged from statesmen, such as Mrs Brundtland and former President Carter, to distinguished field workers. In 1988 there was a remarkable number (six) of British recipients including Gerald Durrell (Jersey Zoo) and Joseph Farman (British Antarctic Survey) and the Prime Minister wrote to Dr Tolba to express her pleasure.

Both the Secretary of State and Lord Caithness recommend an indication that the Prime Minister would be happy to accept a Global 500 Award and I should be grateful for your agreement to giving the go ahead to the High Commission. The 1989 Awards will be announced on or around World Environment Day (5 June) when a number of other environmental events in the UK and internationally will be held.

Yours ever

Andrew Lean

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