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Mr. D. Morris, Private Secretary, 10 Downing Street, London. SW1A 2AA.

Dear Mr. Morris,

Global Climate Change: Seminar at Downing Street

Thank you for your letter of 23rd March. Dr. Fisk has indeed been in touch with me. It is an honour to be invited to speak at The Prime Minister's seminar and I am therefore pleased to accept your invitation.

I am planning on the assumption that I will have 20 minutes to speak. My presentation will be constructed entirely around slides, but I will have a written text available if that is required. I have been in touch with Professor Wigley to compare notes and make sure that we do not clash or overlap. Professor Wigley may also have seen Sir Crispin Tickell this week in New York.

As regards the content of my presentation, since Professor Wigley and Sir Crispin will be talking about global issues I thought it would be helpful to Ministers if I were to focus down on what might actually be done in the UK on a reasonable timescale to bring the "Greenhouse Effect" under control, if that should prove to be necessary. This would allow me to present some numbers, illustrate the practical problems and point up some of the policy issues on which others present will no doubt have views to express. For simplicity of presentation I would concentrate on CO2 and would say only a few words at the end, by way of contrast, on the third world situation, which I am assuming Sir Crispin will then take up.

Hence I feel I could speak with more authority if the third dash point in your outline programme were to read "other options, third world issues". I trust this will be acceptable.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Currie.