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Dear Ameron,

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I have today sent a minute to the Prime Minister seeking her guidance for the Sherpa meeting next weekend in Lascaux. You will see that attached to my submission are notes on environmental issues - a proposed "game plan" for the 1989 Economic Summit and a note on economic aspects of the environment.

I think that there is some good material in those notes and I was wondering whether some of it could be worked up into another "environmental" speech for the Prime Minister. I understand that she will be making a speech at the "Ozone Conference", which perhaps conveniently takes place just before the French inspired meeting of heads of government. It seems to me - and I readily confess that I do not see the full picture from my desk here - that such a speech could pre-empt, in a positive and reasoned manner, the Hague Conference.

Of course, you may already have this in mind.

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