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Dear Dominic,

"SAVING THE OZONE LAYER" CONFERENCE: 5/7 FEBRUARY

Thank you for your letter of 14 February.

Professor Lovelock. As you know my Ministers have had to turn down many requests from senior politicians, industrialists and scientists to attend the Conference. In order to avoid setting a precedent in the case of Professor Lovelock, would the Prime Minister agree to his being designated a member of her personal party at the Conference? If so, the initial invitation might best come from your office - although if you prefer we will contact Professor Lovelock ourselves.

Retailers. The major part of the industry presentations (and the accompanying exhibition) will concentrate on the production of CFCs and halons and their primary uses, eg in aerosols and refrigeration equipment. The retailers will be represented on the Conference platform by Lord Sainsbury and hence by Sainsburys in the exhibition also, on the basis that we are offering the companies speakers an exhibition stand. Lack of space and time means that we could not fit in other retailers. However, we are incorporating references to other environmentally friendly producers and products in the revised draft speech for the Prime Minister and the stand taken by non-governmental organisations is likely to highlight aspects of green consumerism.

Note on substitutes for CFCs. This is attached.

Prime Minister's Programme. The timings of what I proposed in my letter of 6 February are:



Sunday 5 March

- 9.40am Prime Minister arrives at Conference Centre
- 9.45am Moi arrives. Photocall at entrance?
- Prime Minister introduces Moi in entrance foyer to DOE Ministers, Lord Glenarthur, Dr Tolba (Executive Director of UNEP) and senior officials. (We imagine that the Kenyan Minister leading their country delegation and their High Commissioner will also be in the party.) VIP party retires to Nightingale room.
- 10.00am Opening Ceremony, Churchill Auditorium.
- Speakers: (a) Mr Ridley (to introduce the Prime Minister)
- (b) Prime Minister - say, 3 minutes, to welcome delegates.
- (c) President Moi - around 15 minutes
- (d) Mr Ridley - a couple of minutes on practical details.
- 10.30am Coffee break, Benjamin Britten Lounge.
- 11.00am Session 1 (Scientific Background)  
(Fleming/Whittle Room)
- Mr Ridley introduces session Chairman (Mr Istvan Lang, Director General of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences).
- 11.02am DOE video on ozone layer protection
- 11.15am First speaker: Dr M Verhille (Atochem, France): the industrial/scientific background of CFC/halons
- 11.25am Second speaker: Dr F S Rowland, (University of California): the first hypothesis of ozone layer destruction.

If the Prime Minister wished to stay in the plenary session for the first two speakers above, she would be free to leave at 11.35am when we suggest she and Moi visit the industry exhibition accompanied by Mrs Bottomley. This could include another photocall. On that basis she would still be free to leave the Conference Centre before noon.

(The Science session will continue in the meantime with further 10 minute talks by Mr Joe Farman of the British Antarctic Survey about the discovery of the Antarctic hole: Mr Bob Watson of NASA about state of the ozone layer science; and Dr M Ilyas of the University of Science of Malaysia about the effects of ozone layer depletion on human and other life. The Session is planned to end at 12.05pm).

Our Press Office and yours are walking round the Conference Centre on Thursday 23 February on the basis of the draft programme above, to consider practical details.

FCO advise that President Moi will probably be content to follow the Prime Minister's own programme on the Sunday morning.

The Secretary of State would be grateful to know whether she is content with the more detailed programme outlined above.

We will shortly be forwarding the revised closing speech and further background briefing. I am however enclosing notes for a short introductory statement by the Prime Minister at the opening ceremony.

I am copying this to Stephen Wall, Myles Wickstead, Jeremy Godfrey and Trevor Woolley.

Yours,  
Deborah.

DEBORAH LAMB  
Private Secretary