

PRIME MINISTER

GLOBAL CLIMATE SEMINAR

The date fixed for the scientific seminar at No.12 is
26 April.

Department of the Environment have sent over the attached
outline programme and proposed list of speakers and
attendees.

On the programme most of what is proposed seems sensible
enough but since I understand this seminar to have the
objective of refining the scientific consensus in this
country I am not sure there is much to be said for Crispin
Tickell going on about CFCs and the Montreal Protocol. What
might be more thought provoking in that forum is what the
lessons of the Montreal Protocol process holds for securing
the right sort of international action to deal with the
problems of global climate.

As far as the guest list is concerned the only one I have
strong reservations about is Mr Tom Burke of the Green
Alliance. Although he is much more reasonable than Jonathan
Porritt and others in the Friend of the Earth, he is still
predominantly associated with an environmental pressure group.
He would certainly make the discussion lively (which is why
Lord Caithness proposed him) but I am not sure it is the right
sort of liveliness. It would also make presentation of the
outcome of the seminar more difficult to handle. I understand
Mr Ridley shares my reservations about him.

On presentation Mr Ridley suggests that if the seminar is
judged a success a condensed version of its proceedings
should be placed on record. This would consist of the keynote
speeches with a short summary of the subsequent discussion and
a full record of your closing remarks. For the wider public
the report could subsequently form the basis of a leaflet in
DOE's "Environment in Trust" pack.

Mr Ridley would aim to be with you through most of the seminar though would need to slip away before the end because he is first order Questions that day.

Content:

- with the outline programme subject to my comment above?
- that Tom Burke be dropped from the proposed guest list? Are there any other names you wish to add?
- with Mr Ridley's proposals for public presentation of the seminar?

Yes

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Patricia A. Larkin

DM Dominic Morris

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CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

- 9.30 Introductory Remarks by Prime Minister.
- 9.45 Professor Wigley: Science and likely impacts.
- overall context of climatic change;
 - differences between past and present experiences;
 - projections for future (including assumptions on man's further activities; growth in developing world, third world.
- 10.30 Coffee
- 10.45 Dr Currie: Mitigating the Greenhouse Effect
- responses in the developed world;
 - energy efficiency, renewable sources;
 - possibly, third-world issues - methane NO₂
- 11.30 Sir Crispin Tickell: Responses in International Context
- global political situation;
 - third world issues;
 - CFCs, Montreal Protocol.
- 12.30 Lunch
- 2.00 Dr Martin Holdgate: Summary of morning session
- general discussion
- 3.15 Prime Minister's summing up
- 3.30 Tea