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Dear Dominic,

GLOBAL CLIMATE

The Prime Minister will wish to know of progress on the Ministerial seminar on global climate which Ministers commissioned at their meeting. The seminar is now tentatively arranged for 26 April at 12 Downing Street. The suggested outline follows that discussed previously. The morning session would consist of three key-note invited papers on the science, on mitigating action and on the international context of climate change, each with a subsequent discussion period. After lunch there would be a summary of the earlier proceedings. This would serve as an introduction to a more general discussion, which my Secretary of State suggests the Prime Minister might wish to sum-up at about 3.30pm. Unfortunately, we have now learnt that my Secretary of State has First Order Questions on 26 April. It has proved impossible to arrange an alternative date and he would like the Prime Minister to know how very sorry he is that he will be absent for some of the seminar. An outline programme is attached.

Also attached is a list of speakers and guests that has been drawn up in consultation with other Departments. The guest list is still arguably long for a seminar. It incorporates many of the names proposed earlier, but there may be further names the Prime Minister would wish to see added.

My Secretary of State has considered the public presentation of the seminar. He proposes that if colleagues judge the seminar a success its proceedings be placed on record. He views the publication of a full transcript of the seminar as too unwieldy and likely to reduce its impact. He would prefer a more condensed version consisting of the key-note speeches with a short rapporteur addendum to reflect the subsequent discussion, along with a full record of the Prime Minister's closing remarks. These remarks could reflect any conclusion on the way forward that were reached by Ministers at their 19 April meeting. For a wider public, the report could subsequently form the basis of a leaflet in the 'Environment in Trust' series.

If these proposals are satisfactory, we will provide a draft invitation to go from No.10 to participants.

Copies of this letter go to Bob Pierce (FCO), Jonathan Taylor (Treasury), Jeremy Godfrey (DTI), Tom Jeffery (DES), Roy Griffins (Dtp), Stephen Haddrill (DEn), Shirley Stagg (MAFF), the Paymaster General's office, Trevor Woolley in Sir Robin Butler's office and Richard Wilson in the Cabinet Office.

Yours,
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