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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Deborah

GLOBAL CLIMATE SEMINAR

Thank you for your letter of 16 March.

Subject to one change, the Prime Minister is content with the programme. That change is the reference to Sir Crispin Tickell speaking on CFCs and the Montreal Protocol. The objective of the seminar is to refine the scientific consensus in this country and the Prime Minister feels there is not much to be said for a repeat of what has been said on CFCs and the Montreal Protocol. In its place, what might be useful would be a very short exposition of the lessons, if any, from the Montreal Protocol process for bringing along industrialising countries with the right sort of international action to deal with problems of global climate.

We spoke about the list of attendees. The Prime Minister thinks on balance it better not to include Mr. Tom Burke: the list should aim to encompass a balanced range of scientific opinions rather than particular pressure groups. She is otherwise content with the list proposed. I should be grateful if you could get the invitation form here quickly since we need to get the invitations out now very soon.

The Prime Minister was also content with your Secretary of State's proposals for public presentation of the outcome of the seminar and quite understands that he may need to leave during the course of the seminar to prepare for Questions.

I am copying this letter to Robert Pierce (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Jonathan Taylor (HM Treasury), Jeremy Godfrey (Department of Trade and Industry), Tom Jeffery (Department of Education and Science), Roy Griffins (Department of Transport), Stephen Haddrill (Department of Energy), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Malcolm Buckler (Paymaster General's Office), Trevor Woolley and Richard Wilson (Cabinet Office).

*Yours etc
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