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My dear Robin.

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1. Thank you for your letter of 10 March about Geoffrey Tucker's proposed World Environmental Festival.
 2. My initial reaction to the papers was very similar to yours. Since Lord Jellicoe and Geoffrey Tucker will be in Moscow next month, we have let Rodric Braithwaite know of the proposal. The only thing the Embassy had heard about the idea to date was that a small team from the Soviet Writers Union came to London in January to "talk about a media festival". All this leads us to be rather sceptical about the prospects for Tucker's initiative; but we would clearly not want to appear to be discouraging him.
 3. A colleague here, who knows him well, has asked him what he is looking to Government for. Tucker replied that he was essentially seeking a fair wind, but no practical help. I gather that he himself proposes to try to persuade the Prime Minister to raise his initiative with President Gorbachev. I must say I think it is better that way, since we would not want the Russians to conclude that this was an officially inspired idea.

Yours tr.

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