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Dear Mr Morris,

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: SEMINAR AT DOWNING STREET

Many thanks for your letter of 23 March. I am honoured
to have been invited to the seminar and am much looking forward
to it.

You referred to the scope of my short review. In fact I
was not planning to say very much about the Montreal Protocol
except as a useful precedent for international action, albeit on a
relatively narrow issue. Unless you suggest otherwise I was
proposing to speak on broadly the following lines:

-    the role of governments and public opinion in raising
     awareness of the implications of global climate change

-    establishing the basis for international action

     - a brief look at what has already been done through the
        WMO, UNEP, the ICSU and the World Climate Programme

     - international debate through the Brundtland Commission,
        the UN General Assembly and the rising tempo of
        international seminars and conferences

     - work of the current Inter-governmental Panel on Climate
        Change

-    the institutional problem of how to handle international
     action

     -/ UNEP and the Inter-governmental Panel

     - how to give a major high level impulse (adapting old
        institutions and coping with demands for new ones such as from
        the French and The Hague conference participants)

                                        /- international

- international agreements, conventions or protocols, and what might go into them

- the politics of international action, with particular reference to non-industrial countries

  - how they contribute to changes in atmospheric chemistry
  - what they should be persuaded to do about it

- scope for any British initiatives

For a talk which I shall limit to between 15 to 20 minutes, I shall not resort to visual aids. I plan to draw on notes rather than use a text.

Yours sincerely

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