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Dear Dominic,

Global Climate Change: Seminar at Downing Street

Thank you very much for your letter of 23 March with the papers for the meeting on 26 April.

I confirm that I shall be delighted to take on the role proposed for me, namely to begin the afternoon session by summarising in a few minutes what has come out of the morning, and opening up themes for more general discussion in the afternoon.

I think it would be most helpful if we all understood the way in which I would approach this task. It would clearly not be my intention to repeat the learned papers given by the morning's contributors! I would seek instead to draw out perhaps two or three key points from each presentation, and from the discussion that followed it. My guess would be that to do this would take of the order of five minutes. I would then like to have not more than a further five minutes in order to suggest the issues that the afternoon discussion should examine. Thus I am asking for a maximum time slot of ten minutes, and I will make it eight minutes if I can. I do not think ministers can be expected to be talked at for very much longer, and I know that the Prime Minister will be eager to get into the substance of the discussion and to present her own views, which is another reason for brevity on my part!

I understand that David Fisk is arranging a meeting with the invited participants on the preceding afternoon, and this will provide an opportunity for me to find out from the three morning speakers the key points they are going to make (which will allow me

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to boil these down in advance, and focus my own mind during the actual presentations on what is said in discussion). If you have points of guidance that you would want conveyed to me therefore, I would suggest that the best opportunity is in fact David Fisk's meeting, but I shall be happy to talk to you by telephone from here if you would prefer.

I look forward to what should be an extremely interesting day.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin W. Holdgate'.

Martin W. Holdgate
Director General