

CEGB/P

PRIME MINISTER

GLOBAL CLIMATE SEMINAR

Mr Ridley has asked to come in and see you at 0915 tomorrow morning to give you any last minute briefing for the seminar. He is seeing the main speakers at dinner tonight. I understand that Dr. Currie of Harwell may be attempting to go a bit over the top on energy efficiency; Mr Ridley will seek to discourage him.

You will want to be through at No.12 at 0930 prompt to start the seminar. The room has been arranged as for the broadcasting seminar i.e. with a top table consisting of yourself and the other Cabinet Ministers present facing the other participants of the seminar.

You saw most of the papers for this at the weekend. Three others have since come in. None crucial but of interest to skim through if you have time:

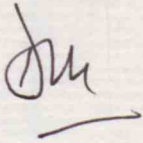
At Flag A is a note from Mr Parkinson about CEGB power station efficiency and methane from land filled sites (you are sitting next to Lord Marshall at lunch).

At Flag B a one page note from Dr. Houghton from the Met Office on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

At Flag C a new brochure published by NERC: "Oceans and the Global Carbon Cycle" which is well presented, accessible and has some interesting statistics. I have not for example appreciated before now that there is 50 times more "free" carbon in the oceans than on land.

I have arranged for copies of this NERC publication, and their earlier one "Our Future World", together with Dr. Houghton's note to be available for participants at the seminar if they wish them.

You will recall that Mr Ridley and Mr. MacGregor have to leave the afternoon session early because of Parliamentary business.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'DM', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Dominic Morris

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