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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Roger

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's (undated) minute, setting out his proposals for following up the 19 April and 26 April seminar. She has also seen the note from the Secretary of State for Energy dated 19 May.

The Prime Minister endorses your Secretary of State's proposals on the way in which forestry and transport should be carried forward. She also agrees that we need to develop a robust and defensible position for ourselves, and as far as possible, an agreed position with other donor countries on proposals which are increasingly coming forward from elsewhere for climate funds to help developing countries. She does not however agree that there should be any further work done on the possibility of domestic environmental charges on emissions of gases such as carbon dioxide etc.

On publicity, she is generally content with what your Secretary of State proposes. The Prime Minister has noted that the contribution to the seminar from Professor Wigley and Dr. Currie have been forwarded neutrally to the Select Committee, but feels that we should not take any further steps to publish their contributions: these were their personal views and not those of Government and publication by Government would give them undue authority in their own right and relative to the contributions made by other participants in the seminar.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry, Energy, Education, Transport, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Minister for Overseas Development and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours etc

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