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*From the Private Secretary*

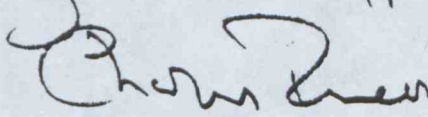
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*Dear Roger,*

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

The Prime Minister has considered the Environment Secretary's minute of 6 June setting out the latest position on a global climate change convention and dealing with the forthcoming meeting of the EC Environment Ministers' Council. She is in general content with the line which it is proposed Lord Caithness should take at the Council. We should be vigilant for any attempts to extend Community competence in this area and prepared to speak up strongly if necessary. She agrees that it would be useful for Lord Caithness to try to obtain further reference in the draft resolution to the Community and member states being involved in the international debate, together with a formal reference to Article 130R. We should also exercise particular care that the resolution is not used as an excuse to push forward the boundaries of the Commission's involvement in environmental research or to subordinate our own research programme to that of the Commission.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Neil Thornton (Department of Trade and Industry), Stephen Haddrill (Department of Energy), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Tom Jeffery (Department of Education and Science), Roy Griffins (Department of Transport), Carys Evans (Chief Secretary's Office), Myles Wickstead (Overseas Development Administration) and to Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours sincerely,*  
  
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