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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service

Sir Robin Butler KCB CVO

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Dear Geoffrey,

Thank you for your letter of 26 May about your search for a Director General for the British Committee of the World Environmental Conference.

Having made some enquiries I can suggest three people who have expressed an interest in the post. In alphabetical order they are:-

David A EVEREST (62) who retired in 1986 as Chief Scientist, Environmental Protection Group and Director of Science Research Policy in the Department of the Environment.

Home Address: Talland, Chorleywood Road, Chorleywood, Herts WD3 4SR. (Telephone 0923 773253).

John PALMER (60) who has just retired as a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Transport. His earlier career was in the Department of the Environment and its predecessor the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Home Address: 2 The Hermitage, Richmond, Surrey TW10 6SH. (Telephone 01 940 6536).

(William) John WILBERFORCE (59) retired in July 1988 as High Commissioner in Cyprus after a Diplomatic Service career.

Home Address: Markington Hall, Harrogate, N.Yorks. (Telephone Ripon 87356).

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All three have been told that their names are being passed to you and that you will get in touch with them. Extracts from Who's Who are attached.

John Palmer has recently returned from Moscow where he was attending an international conference of the International Railways Congress Association of which he is a Vice President.

If you need any further advice you may care to have a word with Dr John Hemming, Director and Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society. I understand that he would be happy to discuss with you possible candidates in the environmental field. His office telephone numbers are 01-589 0648 and 01-637 2400.

I hope that this is helpful.

Yours ever,

Robin

## WHO'S WHO EXTRACT 1989

**EVEREST, David Anthony.** PhD: FRSC: Visiting Research Fellow, University of East Anglia, since 1986; Research Associate, UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development, since 1987; b 13 Sept. 1926; s of George Charles and Ada Bertha Everest; m 1956, Audrey Pauline (nee Sheldrick); three s. *Educ:* John Lyon Sch., Harrow; University Coll. London (BSc, PhD); Lecturer in Chemistry, Battersea Polytechnic, 1949-56; Sen. Scientific Officer, 1956-58, PSO, 1958-64, National Chemical Laboratory; SPSO, 1964-70, Dep. Chief Scientific Officer, 1970-77, National Physical Laboratory; DCSO, RTP Div., Dept of Industry, 1977-79; Chief Scientist, Environmental Protection Op., 1979-86, and Dir of Sci. Res. Policy, 1983-86, DoE. *Publications:* Chemistry of Beryllium, 1962; section on Beryllium in Comprehensive Inorganic Chemistry, 1972; papers in Inorganic Chemistry, Extractive Metallurgy and Material Science. *Recreations:* astronomy, reading, walking. *Address:* Talsand, Chorleywood Road, Chorleywood, Herts WD3 4ER. *T:* Rickmansworth 773233.

**PALMER, John,** CB 1985: a Deputy Secretary, Department of Transport, 1982-88; b 13 Nov. 1925; 2nd s of late William Nathaniel Palmer and Grace Dorothy May Palmer (nee Procter); m 1958, Louise Marie Jeanne, o d of René Jeanne and Jeanne Jeanne (nee Larrouy); two d. *Educ:* Heath Grammar Sch., Halifax, The Queen's Coll., Oxford (Lit. Hum.) (MA). Entered Min. of Housing and Local Govt. 1952, Cabinet Office, 1963-65; Asst Sec., 1965; Under Secretary, DoE, 1971; Dept of Transport, 1976-82. *Club:* United Oxford & Cambridge University.

**WILBERFORCE, William John Antony,** CMG 1981: HM Diplomatic Service, retired; b 3 Jan. 1930; s of late Lt-Col W. B. Wilberforce and Cecilia (nee Dormer); m 1953, Laura Lyon, d of late Howard Sykes, Englewood, NJ; one s two d. *Educ:* Ampleforth, Christ Church, Oxford, Army National Service, 2nd Lieut KOYLL 1948-49, HM Foreign Service, 1953; served: Oslo, 1955-57; Berlin, 1957-59; Ankara, 1962-64; Abidjan, 1964-67; Asst Head of UN (Econ. and Social) Dept, 1967-70, and of Southern European Dept, 1970-72; Counsellor, 1972-74, and Head of Chancery, 1974-75, Washington; Hd of Defence Dept, FCO, 1975-78; Asst Under-Sec., RCDS, 1979. Leader of UK Delegation to Madrid Conf. on Security and Cooperation in Europe Review Meeting, with rank of Ambassador, 1980-82; High Comm in Cyprus, 1982-88. Hon. DHum Wilberforce, 1973. *Recreations:* the turf, travel, gardening. *Address:* Markington Hall, Harrogate, N Yorks. *T:* Ripon 87336. *Club:* Athenaeum.