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*From the Private Secretary*

25 September 1989

*Dear Roger,*

PUBLICATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The Prime Minister was most grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 21 September and for a sight of the two publications being published to coincide with the United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe Workshop.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), John Gieve (HM Treasury), Neil Thornton (Department of Trade and Industry), Stephen Haddrill (Department of Energy), Clive Norris (Department of Employment), Stephen Crowne (Department of Education and Science), Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence), Roy Griffins (Department of Transport), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), David Crawley (Scottish Office), Stephen Williams (Welsh Office), Stephen Leach (Northern Ireland Office), Myles Wickstead (Overseas Development Administration), Malcolm Buckler (Paymaster General's Office) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours,  
Paul*

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PRIME MINISTER

I enclose two useful publications on international environmental issues. We are putting them out this week to coincide with a United Nations/Economic Commission for Europe Workshop we are hosting at Selsdon Park which will examine public awareness of environmental issues. The Workshop, which will be attended by representatives of some 30 Economic Commission for Europe countries as well as organisations like the OECD, is planned to make an important contribution to the Ministerial Conference on Sustainable Development that the Norwegian Government is to hold in Bergen next May.

The leaflet 'One World' is part of our successful Environment in Trust series. It will be widely circulated in this country, particularly to schools, and of course abroad.

"Sustaining our Common Future" is a report on the progress made in the UK towards implementing the recommendations of the World Commission on Environment and Development in the Brundtland Report. It demonstrates clearly the many concrete steps we are taking towards putting the environment and in particular sustainable development at the heart of our policies.

Copies of the letter and enclosures go to John Major, Nigel Lawson, Nicholas Ridley, John Wakeham, Norman Fowler, John MacGregor, Tom King, Cecil Parkinson, John Selwyn Gummer, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Walker, Peter Brooke, Lynda Chalker and also to Malcolm Caithness (who played a major part in the preparation of these documents) and Sir Robin Butler.

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