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From the Private Secretary

10 October 1989

I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Dr. M.K. Tolba of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi.

I should be grateful if you could provide a draft reply to this letter, to reach me by 24 October, please.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Bob Peirce (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

(CHARLES POWELL)

Miss Kate Bush
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Dear Derek

As discussed with one of your colleagues yesterday, I now enclose a letter from Dr Tolba, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Prime Minister which was sent to this Department in error. We will of course provide any advice which the Prime Minister requires on this letter.

Yours




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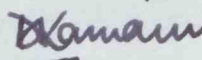
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Dear Mr. Permanent Representative,

As Dr. Tolba told you during the meeting he held with you and affirmed during the Permanent Representatives meeting, he has now written to the Summit leadership, and the letter for your Head of Government is attached.

Dr. Tolba would be most grateful if you could transmit it.

Yours sincerely,



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Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Economic Summit held in July 1989 in Paris and the Economic Declaration resulting therefrom.

I congratulate most warmly the Summit leadership for devoting so much time to global environmental issues. Your wisdom and vision in this regard, which we trust will be translated into action soon, will go a long way to save our human environment for present and future generations.

UNEP has been and continues to be deeply involved in most of the environmental issues the Summit Declaration addressed, and we are at the service of the Summit countries and the world at large to attain the goals outlined in the Declaration.

While I am not immediately familiar with the mechanisms the Summit countries will use to carry out the Declaration's proposals, it seems clear that the Economic Summit countries have a unique opportunity to contribute substantially to resolving the critical environmental issues before the world community.

I would like to propose that the Seven Summit countries and the EEC convene soon (preferably before the end of November 1989) a meeting of their Ministers of Environment, preferably in conjunction with Ministers of Foreign Assistance, to develop specific measures to translate the words of the Declaration into effective action, as appropriate, at the national and the international level.

I would suggest that meeting might take up in the first instance the issues of climate change, ozone layer depletion, biological diversity and tropical forests. In addition to specific actions that industrialized countries might take jointly to address critical problems, the Ministers might also consider how to assist developing countries to play their role in addressing these problems.

H.E. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher
The Prime Minister
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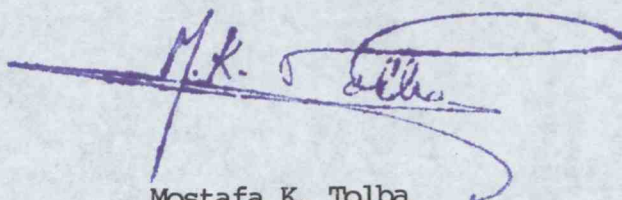
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Could the Summit governments working together plot new directions for the world, for example, in achieving energy efficiency, reducing carbon dioxide emissions, developing alternative sources of energy and transferring technologies to developing countries?

The international community would benefit immensely if the Summit countries with their tremendous economic weight in the world moved swiftly to shape the Economic Summit Declaration into concrete action programmes.

On our part, I pledge UNEP's readiness to co-operate closely in the above exercise.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Mostafa K. Tolba
Executive Director