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*Dear Charles*

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My Secretary of State has read the draft speech enclosed with Kate Bush's letter of <sup>19</sup>20 October. He fully supports its thrust, particularly the emphasis on the need for effective market measures.

He also understands the need to expose the issue of carbon dioxide targets in a positive fashion and is content with the form of words in paragraph 12 of this draft, prepared jointly by Environment and Energy officials. To go further would risk alienating the US and Japan (let alone the LDCs and CPEs) who are much more important to the IPCC process than the Dutch and French. It is also important to avoid undermining the credibility of the IPCC itself, by appearing to anticipate its conclusions.

I am copying this to Kate Bush and the Private Secretaries to Nigel Lawson, John Major, Cecil Parkinson, Nicholas Ridley, John Gummer and Lynda Chalker.

*Yours  
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