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*From the Private Secretary*

30 November 1989

*Dear David,*

**CONTROL MEASURES FOR ENERGY RELATED  
GAS EMISSIONS**

Thank you for your letter of 29 November. I am writing to record our earlier telephone conversation in which I confirmed that the Prime Minister was happy with the draft Parliamentary reply attached to your letter.

*Yours sincerely,  
Caroline*

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*Dear Caroline*

MEETING WITH JONATHON PORRITT, 1 DECEMBER 1989

The Prime Minister is to see Mr Porritt on 1 December. My Secretary of State will attend the meeting as well.

I enclose with this letter briefing for this meeting, as follows:

- A: Government action at national level (essentially the main components of the forthcoming Environment Protection Bill)
- B: Government action at international level (essentially climate issues and tropical forests)
- C: the likely main theme of next year's Environment White Paper
- D: short defensive briefing notes on possible concerns Mr Porritt may raise.

Mr Porritt's desire for a meeting at this time may well be principally inspired by his interest in seeing a fundamental shift in the organisation of Government to reflect environmental concerns. The prospect of next year's White Paper will have encouraged that interest. FoE's thinking is summarised in the paragraph on the "greening of Government" in section D of the enclosed briefing.

In your letter of 6 November, you also raised the question of Mr Porritt's possible involvement in the proposed campaign to clean up Britain - the Clean Nineties campaign - which is being organised by the Tidy Britain Group (TBG). Neither we nor TBG would have any objection to the suggestion that Mr Porritt should discuss with TBG how FoE might become involved. However, FoE's stance on the litter problem - that the issue is one of reducing litter at source and promoting recycling - may fit awkwardly with the main thrust of the TBG campaign. Mr Porritt is of course shortly to be succeeded at FoE by Mr David Gee, and this may increase the political element in FoE's approach, which could also be at odds with TBG's essentially apolitical approach.

As FoE have a good track record on recycling, and the Government is mounting a new initiative, it might be more appropriate for the Prime Minister to encourage FoE to collaborate with industry, local authorities and Government on post-consumer recycling of domestic waste. Several local authorities are interested in following the Sheffield project in which FoE are participating. More details of that project are given on the first page of the enclosed briefing.

*Yours sincerely,  
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