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Dear David

CONSERVATION

I am sorry not to have replied sooner to your letter of 25 January, but officials have been making discreet inquiries about possible events, without revealing the No 10 interest, and this has taken a little time.

The National Trust Lake District Appeal has been launched, but it is of course continuing and my Secretary of State thinks it would be an excellent initiative with which the Prime Minister could associate herself. Moreover the Countryside Commission and the Council for National Parks are launching a major campaign promoting the National Parks on 25 September. We assume the Prime Minister is not free on that date to launch the campaign herself but if she did favour the idea of a Lake District visit, we think a date either soon after the launch or in the spring of next year would be suitable. Such a visit could enable her to link very effectively the initiatives taken by Government agencies as well as the National Trust.

Ministers here have considered other possibilities, but have concluded that a National Park event might be the best opportunity for a conservation engagement. However, an alternative might be an event organised by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, which could involve young people.

If you are interested in either of these, perhaps you could let me know and I will ask our officials to provide further details of the two possibilities, and investigate dates.

Mr Waldegrave has discussed separately with Mr Hartley Booth the idea of a lunch or reception with leading figures from the statutory conservation agencies and the responsible voluntary bodies which the Prime Minister might host. This would provide her with a different occasion for a useful discussion. We shall be providing further advice on this soon.

Yours ever

Andrew

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From the Private Secretary

19 February 1985

CONSERVATION

Thank you for your letter of 19 February.
I am most grateful for your advice.

The Prime Minister will wish to consider the suggestions in your letter when she next reviews her forward diary. This may not be for a little while, but I will let you know the outcome as soon as possible.

David Barclay

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From the Private Secretary

25 January 1985

CONSERVATION

I have sent you separately a record of the meeting which the Prime Minister held on 23 January to discuss agriculture and conservation.

In the margins of the meeting, your Secretary of State asked the Prime Minister whether she would consider undertaking a speaking engagement connected with conservation later this year or early in 1986. The Prime Minister welcomed this idea in principle.

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One possibility mentioned at the time was that the Prime Minister might launch the National Trust's Lake District Appeal in the autumn. I should be grateful if you would let us have further details of the timing and nature of this event. I should say, though, that the Prime Minister's diary for the period between the Party Conference and Christmas is already very congested. It would therefore be helpful if you could include in your advice suggestions for alternative engagements with a conservation flavour which the Prime Minister might consider for 1986 - I believe that Mr. Waldegrave has in mind a speech to the RSPB, for example.

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