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20 November 1985

Dear Mark

PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH WITH CONSERVATIONISTS: 25 NOVEMBER 1985

Thank you for your letter of 28 October asking for briefing on the topics which the Prime Minister's guests have been asked to consider (your letter at A) and the additional point suggested by the Chairman of the Countryside Commission (his letter to you of 4 November at B).

The focus of the lunch is wildlife and countryside conservation and the guest list reflects that, although the topics proposed go somewhat wider. The purpose of the lunch is, of course, to provide the Prime Minister with an opportunity to hear and discuss the professional concerns and hopes of leading figures in the world of conservation; and in turn to express her own awareness of current debate and the importance the Government places on these issues. The attached briefing (C) also suggests areas in which she might press the participants for ideas for the future.

Brief biographies of the guests are at (D). The guest list is at (E).

Yours sincerely

Sue Vandervord

SUE VANDERVORD
Private Secretary

Mark Addison Esq



GUEST LIST

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Chairman
Countryside Commission

Mr William Wilkinson
Chairman
Nature Conservancy Council

Lord Blakenham
Chairman of Council
RSPB

Lt Col Ian Branton
Director and Secretary
British Trust for Conservation Volunteers

Mr Tom Burke
Director
Green Alliance

Sir Arthur Norman
Chairman
Centre for Economic and Environmental Development

The Rt Hon Kenneth Baker

The Hon William Waldegrave (who has retained general responsibility
for conservation)

Mrs Angela Rumbold (who has responsibility for conservation at PUSS
level)

Dr Hartley Booth

Mr Mark Addison

LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY
THE PRIME MINISTER ON MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 1985 AT 1.00 PM FOR
1.15 PM

The Prime Minister

Sir Derek Barber Chairman, Countryside Commission

Mr. William Wilkinson Chairman, Nature Conservancy Council

The Viscount Blakenham Chairman of Council, RSPB

Mr. Ian Branton Director and Secretary, British
Trust for Conservation Volunteers

Mr. Tom Burke Director, Green Alliance

Sir Arthur Norman Centre for Economic and Environmental
Development

Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, MP

The Hon. William Waldegrave, MP

Mrs. Angela Rumbold, MP

Dr. Hartley Booth

Mr. Mark Addison



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 November 1985

Thank you for your letter of 4 November. I am sure the Prime Minister would be happy for the discussion at the lunch on 25 November to cover the impact of future changes in the pattern of land use, including the effects of any shift away from agriculture to other uses. But I know the Prime Minister will of course also be keen to ensure the discussion covers a wide range of conservation topics, and the time which can be devoted to each will necessarily be limited.

The Prime Minister looks forward to seeing you at the lunch.

Mark Addison

Sir Derek Barber.



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From the Private Secretary

7 November 1985

As we discussed on the telephone earlier today, I enclose for information a copy of Sir Derek Barber's letter to me, together with a copy of my reply. I should be grateful if you would ensure that the points he raises are covered in the briefing you will be providing, by Wednesday 20 November, for this "conservation" lunch.

I am copying this to Ruth Rawling (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), and your officials will of course be in touch with hers in drawing up the briefing.

Mark Addison

Miss Sue Vandervord,
Department of the Environment.

Sue: for info

bc: Hartley Booth

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Countryside COMMISSION

From the Chairman, Sir Derek Barber
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Date 4 November 1985

Dear Mr Addison. to see

Thank you for your letter of 28 October. I much look forward to attending on 25 November.

You invite suggestions for further specific points to raise. May I offer an addition to your list?

I have no doubt at all that the potential major influence on our landscapes and on the conservation generally of our farmed land lies in the effects of change in the Common Agricultural Policy over the next decade. The probability of land being removed from food production to achieve balance between output and consumption - studies suggest several million acres within 10-20 years - poses the pregnant question of what is to be the alternative use. Moreover there will be earlier influences on the ways in which land is managed consequent upon developing price constraints and pressure on incomes.

May it be too wideranging an issue to introduce at a lunch party discussion?

*Yours sincerely
Derek Barber*

DEREK BARBER
Chairman



Lunch for conservationists
25/11

The Green Alliance

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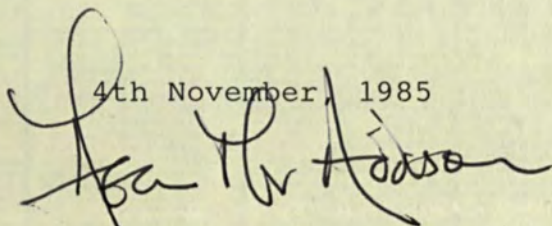
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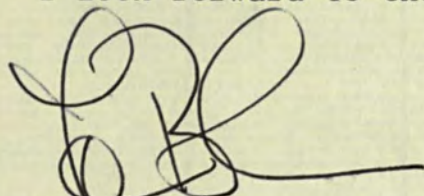
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4th November, 1985



Thank you for your letter of October 28th. I have written formally to accept. The likely topics of conversation you mention seem sufficiently wide to cover any of the points which I might raise. I have spoken to Hartley Booth recently and he is aware of the points I wish to contribute.

I look forward to the 25th.

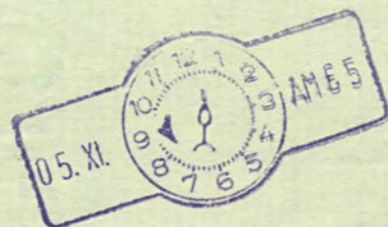


Tom Burke
Director

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Sue Goodchild

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

14 November 1985

I enclose a copy of a letter, together with enclosures, from Ian Branton, Director of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, who is coming to the lunch on 25 November. His letter notes that he has already copied it to William Solesbury, but I thought it worth forwarding the annual report to you in case you had not already had sight of it.

No doubt you will be covering the forthcoming study "Work and the Environment" in the briefing you are providing for the lunch.

Mark Addison

Miss Sue Vandervord,
Department of the Environment.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers



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*Mr Addison to see
Lunch on 25 November*

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Date: 12 November 1985.

Mark Addison, Esq.,
The Private Secretary,
10, Downing Street,
London.

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MAS

Dear *Mr Addison,*

Thank you for your letter of 28th October. The BTCV, with the Dartington Institute, is currently engaged on a Study commissioned by the Department of the Environment, entitled 'Work and the Environment'. We are examining the roles of the voluntary sector and MSC concerning environmental projects in both rural and urban areas. The Report will be issued before 25 November and it is possible that the Department of the Environment will wish to brief you on any points of the Report which they think are worth pursuing.

There are no specific points which I wish to raise at the lunch but I am taking the opportunity to send you, with this note, a copy of the BTCV's latest Annual Report, together with a set of Accounts.

This note is copied to William Solesbury at the Department of the Environment for information.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Branton

Ian Branton
(Director)

Encl:

Copies to: W.R. Solesbury, Esq.,
Department of the Environment.