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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

As you are aware, the devastation of our global ecosystems is now recognized universally as one of the most pressing national security issues confronting the international community. The scarcity of uncontaminated sources of water, the most critical component of life, and the further contamination of our planet's finite water supply, is rapidly becoming the most crucial environmental issue.

To help stimulate an international approach to regional water resources management, I have pledged my support on behalf of the people of Turkey to an international undertaking, the Global Water Initiative. The Global Water Initiative, Chaired by Dr. Joyce R. Starr, is under the auspices of the Global Strategy Council which is chaired by Dr. Ray Cline. The initiative is galvanizing the highest-level ministerial and technical leadership dealing with water resources.

To facilitate the Summit Initiative process, I am hosting and co-sponsoring, with the Global Strategy Council, a Middle East Water Summit. This event will be held in Istanbul from November 3-9, 1991, at the Swissotel.

I would be honored if you would give your full support to the Summit Initiative. We also hope you will designate one or more ministers responsible for water resource management to represent the United Kingdom, and participate in our Middle East Summit process.

*The Right Honourable
John Major MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland
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Senior officials from the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme are providing assistance in framing the agenda. The agenda will highlight the key issues entailed in a major three-year World Bank study on water resources in the Middle East, which will be launched in November 1990. The issues to be highlighted in the seven-day event will include:

* *Integrated Planning-How to improve multi-sector water resource planning for all uses.*

* *Management Efficiency-How to constrain water resource demand through economic instruments and technological advancements.*

* *Environmental Quality-How to enhance strategies for combatting pollution of fresh water resources in conjunction with waste management programs.*

* *Institutional Structures-How can institutions be restructured to optimize water resource management as a multi-sector component to sustain economic growth.*

I look forward to your positive response to our initiative, and eagerly await the United Kingdom's participation in our Summit. For additional information on the Summit, please have a member of your staff contact Dr. Joyce R.Starr at:

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With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


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