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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Roger,

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The Prime Minister has twice in recent weeks spoken on environmental issues, particularly those with a world-wide impact such as the greenhouse effect and the problem of growing holes in the ozone layer and their possible effect on the world's climate. Her Party Conference speech suggested that the United Kingdom was well placed to take the lead with other governments in practical efforts to protect the wider world.

The Prime Minister would now like to see us give substance to this by stimulating further international action on these issues, at the United Nations and elsewhere. She understands that Sir Crispin Tickell has already made some proposals. The Prime Minister would like these and other ideas examined, with the aim of an imaginative initiative, possibly even at this year's UN General Assembly. She is particularly keen that we should not be pre-empted by the French. She would be grateful if the Departments principally concerned could produce some very early recommendations.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Wall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*yours sincerely,
Crispin Tickell*

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