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From the Private Secretary

GLOBAL CLIMATE SEMINAR

Thank you for your letter of 7 April with the draft annotated agenda. I am afraid this was not what we had in mind. Of course, the participants need a slightly expanded programme on the basis you have provided, but they also need a short note to help focus their thoughts before they arrive. I should have thought the best approach would be to get from the speakers, by telephone if needs be, a summary of the points they will be making in their opening. That in essence was the basis of the rather good Home Office note which was circulated in advance of the Prime Minister's Seminar on Broadcasting eighteen months ago. I enclose a copy so that you can see what I mean.

BT // I will need to put a note in the Prime Minister's box for her approval on Tuesday night. Could you let me have a draft by Tuesday evening, 11 April, please.

Dominic Morris

Miss Kate Bush,
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cc Sue Goodchild

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Dear Dominic,

GLOBAL CLIMATE SEMINAR

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Ack'd in*

Thank you for your letters of 23 and 28 March. I attach a draft annotated agenda for you to send to the participants. Depending on how the seminar is proceeding, my Secretary of State might wish to make an intervention after Dr Currie's presentation and the Foreign Secretary may wish to do so after Sir Crispin Tickell's. We would not wish to signal that on the agenda but the timings have been adjusted slightly to provide the opportunity.

I confirm that our Secretary of State will attend for most of the seminar (but as you know he will have to leave a little early because of First Order Questions) and that Lord Caithness, Mrs Bottomley and Sir Terry Heiser will also attend for all the time.

Yours

KATE BUSH

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Private Secretary



SEMINAR ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE, 26 APRIL

AGENDA

The purpose of the seminar is to enable the Prime Minister and her colleagues to hear at first hand the advice of leading experts and to discuss with them informally the assessment of climate change and its impacts; options for mitigating the greenhouse effect; and responses set in their international context.

The seminar will start with presentations on these three subjects, followed by short discussions. After lunch there will be general discussion of the issues raised during the morning.

- 9.30 am Welcome and introduction by the Prime Minister followed by
- Professor Tom Wigley (Director of Climatic Research Unit, University of East Anglia)
- Scientific assessment of climate change:
 - the overall context of climate change;
 - differences between past and present experiences;
 - projections for the future, including assumptions on man's further activities; growth in the developed world and in the developing world.
- 10.20 Coffee
- 10.35 Dr Ken Currie (Head of Energy Technology Support Unit, Harwell)
- Measures to mitigate the greenhouse effect:
 - responses in the developed world;
 - energy efficiency, renewable sources.
- 11.30 Sir Crispin Tickell (UK Ambassador to UN)
- Responses in the international context:
 - the global political situation;
 - third world issues.
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 2.00 Dr Martin Holdgate (Director, International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
- summary of morning session
 - general discussion
- 3.10 Prime Minister's summing up
- 3.30 Tea