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2. Prime Minister (2)

*Dear Duncan,*

PRIME MINISTER'S SEMINAR ON GLOBAL WARMING

With encouragement from my US colleague Tom Pickering in New York, I had a word today with Bill Reilly the Administrator (or head) of the Environment Protection Agency in Washington. Reilly and I had met during the London conference on the ozone layer, and had both promised to remain in touch.

2. I gave Reilly a brief account of the Prime Minister's seminar on 26 April. He expressed the liveliest interest. Our discussion was, he said, very well timed as work on the greenhouse effect was at last under way in Washington, and he badly wanted all the help and advice he could get. He asked me particularly about British views on a framework convention and the institutional aspects. I underlined that members of the Government at the seminar had been there to listen rather than make policy, and that policy would not be made until the results of the seminar had been thoroughly considered and discussed.

3. Reilly expressed his warm admiration for the Prime Minister's initiative. Only she could have organized such a meeting and insisted that all concerned should carve out enough time. After he had returned from the London conference on the ozone layer, he had sent a memorandum to President Bush, and then discussed it with him. The President had been most impressed. He would now send another memorandum to the President to let him know about the holding of the seminar, and the character of the work now being done. This was a matter in which the President was very interested, and Reilly would be grateful if we could keep him closely informed as our work proceeded.

*Yours ever*

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