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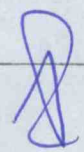
From the Private Secretary

14 November 1989

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Caroline Slocock

Miss Kate Bush
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Yes - delighted

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Dear Caroline

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My Secretary of state has been approached by the Literary Editor of The Independent who has asked if he would like to review a book for them: Bill McKibben's "The End of Nature". This book was referred to in the Prime Minister's speech to the United Nations' General Assembly last Thursday and Charles Powell has a pre-publication copy of it. My Secretary of State would very much like to accept this invitation to review what he considers to be an important new book on the environment.

According to paragraphs 127 to 129 of Questions[&] Procedure for Ministers it suggests that the Prime Minister should be consulted when an article is to be contributed to the press. I am unclear as to whether or not my Secretary of State undertaking such a review constitutes the contribution of an article but I would be grateful if you could seek the Prime Minister's agreement to Mr Patten taking this on. I can assure you, that my Secretary of State would not receive any remuneration for undertaking this review and he is confident that such a review could be undertaken without him making any statements which could be interpreted as statements of Government policy.

Yours
C E J Bush

KATE BUSH
Private Secretary