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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Professor Lovelock.

I very much enjoyed meeting you at the dinner given here for the President of Bangladesh. I was so very sorry to learn subsequently that your wife, Helen, had died earlier in the month. Please accept my deepest sympathy. At what I know must be a difficult time for you it was very good of you to have come on 16 February.

I mentioned to you that you would shortly be getting an invitation both to the International Conference on 'Saving the Ozone Layer' (which is being held at the QEII Centre in London on 5-7 March) and to a smaller seminar of experts on the question of global climate at Downing Street in late April.

I would very much welcome and value the contribution which you can make. I know too that in a time of grief, throwing oneself into additional work can in fact be a solace. So, if you would like to, those invitations are very much open to you. But if in your present circumstances you felt you would sooner let things be I would very readily understand.

Yours sincerely

Ronald Reagan

Professor James Lovelock, F.R.S.

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