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Many thanks for your fax of February 2nd, and many apologies for taking so long to respond. I have been away.

Of course I remember the meeting at the Pearson Institute some years ago. I remember meeting you rather more vividly than my presentation, but thanks for your kind words about it!

I would love to serve on the group you mention. However, I am under very strict time constraints just now, having taken up a new job and being in the throes of launching a new sustainable development charity which seems to be going to make something of a splash. I will tell you about this in due course.

I would not therefore be able to do much in the group before early autumn, but if we could spend the months between now and then putting the group together and get a date in the diaries for September, then that would be feasible for me.

I note that this timescale is considerably more extended that that you envisage and may well not be possible, in which case so be it. However, I hope that at least there may be something to discuss.

May I suggest you phone me on +44 171 498 8180 if you would like to take this further. If I am not there (as I am quite peripatetic), a message will give you the numbers where I am to be found on particular days.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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