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Dear Sirs,

Movement for Survival

This letter is going out to all the organisations (large and small) which have expressed interest in the Movement for Survival. I am sorry we have taken so long to communicate with you, but it has taken some time for us to sort out our ideas in between various activities associated with A Blueprint for Survival and the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm.

We are now able to devote the time which a movement for survival requires, and wish, therefore, to call a meeting of representatives of all interested organisations. This meeting should decide exactly what the aims of the Movement for Survival should be and how best to achieve them. I suggest the meeting be held at 14.30 in London, either on Wednesday the 30th August, or Friday the 8th September. As soon as we know what date is most convenient and how many people can come, I will inform everybody of the date and the venue.

We think the Movement for Survival should be a non-party, political pressure group which would use the combined facilities and amassed power of member organisations to promote selection and election of candidates with an environmental platform. We think that platform should be, at the very least, consistent with the principles stated in paragraph 210 of the Blueprint, and some of us think it should propose the first steps towards decentralisation - say, regionalisation. Once we have agreed on the basic principles, a useful exercise might be to form a small committee with the object of drafting a model environmental platform - one which is ecologically sound, but politically practical - over the next 5 years.

We believe we should form neither a new political party nor an alliance with any one existing party. We believe we could be far more effective as a non-party pressure group, since party machinery could be used for our ends while no party has a monopoly of environmental awareness.

Once they become card carrying members of one of the three main parties it should not be difficult for bodies of determined and energetic environmentalists to become extremely influential in individual constituencies. To this end I hope we should all become card carriers of one of the parties - even though we may be appalled at the existing platforms of all three! However, it is not the function of a magazine like The Ecologist to lay down what the Movement for Survival should be or do. This is the job of all the member organisations, and the job of the proposed meeting.

A tentative Agenda and distribution list is enclosed. Could you please choose not more than two representatives of your organisation, and let me know by 10th August if and when they can come.

Yours sincerely,

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THE MOVEMENT FOR SURVIVAL

FIRST MEETING

A G E N D A
(Provisional)

1. Should the Movement for Survival be a political party, pressure group, or what?
2. What officers should it have?
3. Election of officers.
4. What basic principles should the Movement stand for?

Is paragraph 210 of A Blueprint for Survival enough?
5. Should we appoint a committee to write a model platform? If yes, appoint it.
6. Immediate action.
7. Funds required.

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