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CLARENCE HOUSE
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8th January 1991

Dear Miss Slocock,

I write to confirm our telephone conversation to say that Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother would be very pleased if The Prime Minister could come to Clarence House on Tuesday, 12th February at 12 noon.

However, The Queen Mother knows how difficult it is for Mr Major to make plans in advance and if anything unforeseen occurs Her Majesty would quite understand if this date has to be changed.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Gladstone-Hall

Comptroller to
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

Miss Caroline Slocock

PRIME MINISTER

QUEEN MOTHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

You need to leave here at 1210 prompt tomorrow for Clarence House to participate in the deputation to wait upon The Queen Mother while the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker formally read out the Messages of Greeting from both Houses.*

The other members of the deputation will make their way independently to Clarence House. The deputation will be received by The Queen Mother at 1220, the Lords led in by the Lord Chancellor and representatives of the Commons by the Speaker. Once the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker have delivered the messages, The Queen Mother will reply briefly. As on the occasion of Her Majesty's 80th Birthday, there will be a photographer from COI to record the event. Refreshments will then be served. The whole process should take no more than half an hour.

Dress is ordinary lounge suit/day dress and no hats. The list of deputation is attached. Andrew will accompany you.

DOMINIC MORRIS
18 July 1990
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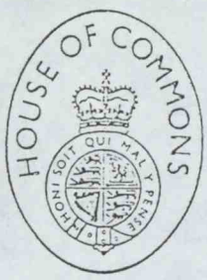
* Texts of Messages and the Queen Mother's reply also in folder.

From the Commons

The Speaker
Prime Minister
Lord President (as Leader of the House)
Mr. Kinnock
Mr. Molyneaux
Mr. Ashdown
Sir Bernard Braine

From the Lords

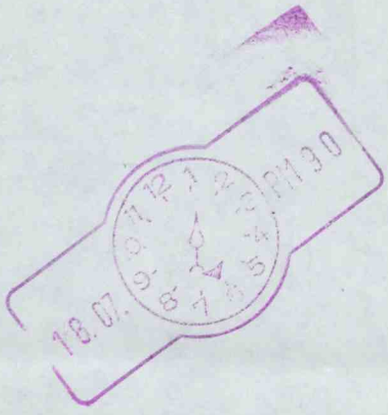
Lord Chancellor
Lord Privy Seal
Archbishop of Canterbury
Lord Cledwyn
Lord Aberdare
Lord Jenkins of Hillhead
Lady Hylton-Foster (Convenor of the Cross Benches)



Your Majesty,

We, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer to Your Majesty the heartfelt good wishes of the House upon the occasion of Your Majesty's forthcoming ninetieth birthday, praying that, in universal affection and gratitude for a lifetime of service to the nation and the Commonwealth, Your Majesty may long continue in health and happiness.

Clifford Boulton
Clerk of the House of Commons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TEXT OF MESSAGE WHICH THE LORD CHANCELLOR WILL READ

Your Majesty,

We, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer to Your Majesty the congratulations of this House on the occasion of Your Majesty's forthcoming ninetieth Birthday:

To assure Your Majesty of the devotion and affection for Your Majesty which is felt in the hearts of this House and of the Nation and the Commonwealth:

To wish Your Majesty health and happiness in the years to come.

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REPLY TO ADDRESSES OF CONGRATULATIONS
FROM THE HOUSE OF LORDS AND THE HOUSE OF COMMOMS
Thursday, 19th July 1990

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you from my heart for your kind messages which I am delighted to receive. I am, indeed, most touched that you should have come here to Clarence house in the midst of your many commitments to wish me well on my birthday.

To me it seems just the other day that in this same room I accepted your greetings on a previous anniversary, and I am delighted that ten years on there should be here today two members of that delegation.

One of the consolations of growing older is to find pleasure and interest in the younger generation, whose qualities became very evident to me during the 25 years that I was Chancellor of the University of London.

My belief in the fundamental good sense, wisdom and integrity of those in whose hands lie the destinies of our country is as firm now as it was in the long years of the Second World War.

Throughout my life I have seen changes and developments, new patterns of behaviour and fresh outlooks - much has been transformed but the loyalty and devotion of our people to the Crown remains constant.

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It is my prayer that with God's help our country will go forward from strength to strength in the years ahead.

And now, once again, may I tell you how touched I am by your message of good wishes at this time.

TJS/AG

cc BHP

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL. LONDON SW1A 2AT

18 July 1990

Dear Peter.

atts in Buckingham Palace

QUEEN MOTHER'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

I now enclose a copy of the text of The Queen Mother's reply to the messages of greeting that Mr Speaker and the Lord Chancellor will convey to her at Clarence House tomorrow. It should, therefore, be possible to arrange for The Queen Mother's reply to be reported to both Houses at the commencement of business tomorrow afternoon, as we agreed would be desirable. I will leave it to the relevant authorities in the two Houses to arrange this.

I am copying this letter and the enclosures to Andrew Turnbull (No 10), Paul Stockton (LCD), Douglas Slater (House of Lords) and Murdo Maclean (No 12).

T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

P J Kitcatt Esq
Mr Speaker's Secretary

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL. LONDON SW1A 2AT

17 July 1990

Dear Sir Alistair,

We have spoken several times in recent days on further points relating to the arrangements for the presentation of Messages to The Queen Mother on Thursday. I write now to confirm the various points.

Dress for Thursday is lounge suits; The Queen Mother will not be wearing a hat.

You do not need details of the cars bringing those attending. There is one correction to the list of those attending in my letter of 9 July: Mr Ashdown is now able to attend in place of Sir David Steel. The Prime Minister will be accompanied by Mr Turnbull, her Principal Private Secretary.

We have arranged for a photographer, Mr Bell from COI, to attend to record the occasion. No doubt he will take several photographs, while ensuring that he does not intrude on the formal part of the occasion.

Neither the Lord Chancellor nor Mr Speaker has it in mind to expand on the texts of their Messages by making any short speeches. They will simply begin "Your Majesty," and then read the text of the messages of greeting. The Messages will then be handed to Her Majesty.

You kindly agreed to do your best to let me have a copy of the text of the Queen Mother's formal reply tomorrow, so that we can arrange for it to be reported to the House of Lords and the House of Commons at the commencement of business on Thursday afternoon.

I an copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Lord Chancellor, Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms and the Patronage Secretary.

T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

Sir Alistair Aird KCVO
Comptroller to H M Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

13 July 1990

Dear Professor Chadwick

I wanted to say how grateful I was to you for the trouble and care you took to produce such excellent suggestions for the speech which I made this morning in the House to move the Loyal Address to mark Her Majesty The Queen Mother's 90th birthday. You struck exactly the right note, and it was a great kindness of you to have done this work. Thank you very much.

It was a lovely tribute in your own superb language.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Reverend Professor Owen Chadwick, OM, KBE, FBA.

PRIME MINISTER

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 90th BIRTHDAY

You will want to leave for the House at 0920 tomorrow morning. The Motion should be taken immediately after prayers at 0930 (unless there are any petitions - which there are not at the moment). It is not obligatory for you formally to move any part of the Motion but Sir Clifford Bolton agrees that it would make sense for you to move the words indented at the beginning of your speech attached (this is what you did last time).

Your speech will be followed by one from Mr. Kinnock, Sir David Steel, Mr. Molyneaux and Sir Bernard Braine. The Clerks do not expect any trouble this time from the likes of Mr. Skinner thought it can never be discounted (since the Motion is debatable, amendable and votable).

If the proceedings run in an orderly way they should come to an end at between 0950 and 0955. If there were disruptions, which looked as though they would carry it on, Mr. Speaker would quite understand if you left the Chamber to come back for your next meeting (Sir Robin Butler). You would obviously need to judge the situation in the Chamber at the time.

DOMINIC MORRIS
12 JULY 1990

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NINETIETH BIRTHDAY OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER

The Prime Minister

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House profoundly shares the great joy of the nation on the occasion of the forthcoming ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

That a Message be sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, to offer to Her Majesty the heartfelt good wishes of the House upon the occasion of Her Majesty's forthcoming ninetieth birthday, praying that, in universal affection and gratitude for a lifetime of service to the nation and the Commonwealth, Her Majesty may long continue in health and happiness.

That Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Leader of the House, Mr Neil Kinnock, ~~Sir David Steel~~ Mr Paddy Ashdown, Mr James Molyneaux and Sir Bernard Braine do wait upon Her Majesty with the said Message.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER (EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY)

Mr. Speaker: I have notice of a manuscript amendment from the hon. Member for Bolsover (Mr. Skinner). I am afraid that it is outside the scope of the motion and I cannot accept it.

4.26 pm

The Prime Minister (Mrs. Margaret Thatcher): I beg to move,

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty on the eightieth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and to assure Her Majesty of the great pleasure felt by this House on so joyful an occasion.

An eightieth birthday is always a matter for delighted congratulation. In the case of the Queen Mother the people of Britain celebrate with affection and pride the birthday of a person with a very special place in our hearts. She is a Queen who has been strong with the brave, has mourned with the sad and has enchanted everyone by her grace and wit.

It was, indeed, a happy occasion for our Royal House and for Britain when in 1923 the then Duke of York was able to persuade the Lady Elizabeth to be willing to leave her Scottish family home and to accept the restrictions that inevitably attend the life of a Royal consort. Then, it could not have been foreseen that one day she would be asked to carry vastly greater burdens and responsibilities.

Many among us recall vividly her marvellous support for King George VI and the example that they together gave the nation of courage and selfless devotion to duty during the hard wartime years. To look back into those memories of 40 years ago is to remember the King and Queen working on daily in a London in flames.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother loves being with people, cares about everyone that she has met, astonishing and delighting by remembering the names and faces from encounters long past. I doubt whether any future generation will see more changes than those that have taken place during the first 80 years of this century.

Our Royal Family has been able to use to the full the dramatic improvements in travel that have become possible in the past 40 years, and there are few parts of the Commonwealth that the Queen Mother has not visited and loved. Indeed, I believe that I am right in saying that she was the first member of the Royal Family to fly right round the world at a time when such journeys were far from being as easy as they are today. Wherever she has gone, she has shown her genius for making friends and delighting the people.

This great lady—a source of deep, quiet strength, upholding King George through prosperity and adversity—has been, since 1952, an equal source of encouragement as a mother, then a grandmother and now a great-grandmother to our present Sovereign and her family.

In her calm fearlessness and irrepressible inward gaiety, she sets a stamp of golden distinction on all the innumerable functions that she still continues to attend. At a time of life when most people would be expecting to take it a little bit more easily, she has not spared herself in public duties. For her devotion to the service of the Queen's people in this country and elsewhere in the Commonwealth, we owe her our heartfelt thanks and wish her health and happiness for many years to come.

4.31 pm

Mr. James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East): I rise to endorse and support the Prime Minister's proposal that a message be sent from this House to congratulate the Queen Mother on her eightieth birthday on Monday next, and to wish her many happy returns of the day.

I have been asked to say that the right hon. Member for the Western Isles (Mr. Stewart) and the hon. Member for Antrim, South (Mr. Molyneaux) wish me to associate their parties with this proposal.

I agree with the Prime Minister that none of us here are in any doubt that the Queen Mother holds a special place of affection in the hearts of our people—a place that she has won by her own personal and very attractive qualities. In her meetings with others, both in her public duties and in her private life, she has an unaffected naturalness and a simplicity of approach that endears her to those whom she meets and brings an immediate response from them. We all admire the tremendous gusto with which she undertakes her public duties and the warmth that she brings to them. Even more, she carries them out with an infectious gaiety.

ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY (SILVER JUBILEE)

3.40 p.m.

The Prime Minister (Mr. James Callaghan): I beg to move,

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty to congratulate Her Majesty on the occasion of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne.

I am sure that the House will once more accord to you, Mr. Speaker, the traditional right which has been claimed by Speakers-in-Office to express the sentiments of this House to Her Majesty in your own words.

As I believe hon. Members know informally, if not formally, Her Majesty has graciously agreed to come to Westminster Hall tomorrow at noon to receive the Address.

This occasion will mark the start of the main programme of the Jubilee celebrations which will be held throughout all parts of the United Kingdom, and it is fitting that it should begin with a meeting between the Sovereign and Parliament.

The range and variety of occasions already arranged, from the solemn service of thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral to the innumerable children's street teas in cities, towns and villages up and down the country, will express in their own way the desire of the nation to show our appreciation and loyalty to Her Majesty.

On such an occasion we think of the Throne as an institution and of the Queen as a person. In conjunction with Parliament, the Throne as an institution enables us to maintain a stability that is widely admired overseas. Together, the Sovereign and Parliament provide the instruments by which momentous changes have been, are and will continue to be reconciled with continuity in our country.

The Throne, as the summit of our institutions, provides a unifying influence for our people, and no nation is better served by the summit of its institutions. But it is not to the Throne as an institution that you will deliver our Address tomorrow, Mr. Speaker; it is to Her Majesty the Queen as a person that we ask you to render our thanks.

Those of us who have the privilege of meeting Her Majesty know that she has made herself the undoubted centre of a happy and united family and that its affection and support have strengthened her throughout the whole of the 25 years. In this connection I especially remember the never-failing support given to her by Prince Philip.

We are fortunate as a country in our public affairs that Her Majesty is the embodiment of practical good sense, sharp perception of issues and understanding of the British people. Her wide contacts with the Commonwealth and its leaders in my judgment gives her unrivalled knowledge, exceeded by nobody.

By her overseas visits and tours, especially within the Commonwealth and elsewhere, she has become a familiar figure. She has played a devoted, resolute and successful part for which this House and the nation are deeply thankful.

I commend this motion to the House with confidence. I ask the House to agree that our thanks to Her Majesty should be recorded on this historic occasion in traditional historic form and that the motion should be resolved accordingly.

Long may she reign.

3.44 p.m.

Mrs. Margaret Thatcher (Finchley): May I rise briefly and wholeheartedly to support the Prime Minister in the speech he has just made in support of the Address congratulating Her Majesty.

The Crown today has its roots not only in tradition but in the affection and trust of the people. Inevitably, as the Prime Minister pointed out, we think first of the Queen in Parliament because we have the great honour and privilege of seeing the many ceremonials that attend our functions.

Ceremonial plays an important part in the life of the people and it cements them together in unity in a way that no other method can achieve. Also we believe that the Queen in Parliament protects this country, as the Prime Minister said, from anybody who seeks to usurp power, so that we always know that the Queen is the guarantor of the constitutional integrity of the nation. That gives us a great stability and constancy which nothing else can provide. Whatever happens, so long as the Monarchy is there, we

believe that parliamentary and the rule of law will contin

As the Prime Minister point congratulate the Queen not Monarch but as a person for t ful way in which she and Family have carried out their

No institution can be sepa the character and personality who carry out day to day demands that are made on t have a Royal Family with wh identify all that is best in life of our country. Dignity monial will invoke admir respect, but it is their warmt ness and humanity that endear to the Queen, the Duke of the Queen Mother and other m the Royal Family.

Each year on Christmas Da the royal broadcast. In an age constitutions and politics it is that in last year's broadcast underlined the fact that it dividual who matters. We kn individual matters not only am or in Parliament but in the wa all the members of the Ro have carried out their splendidly.

May I quote one of the bes human tributes to Her Majest Sir John Colville in his b Elizabethans":

"In an age of melting con questionable needs the Queen's un tues and faultless example have s a rock in a sea of troubles."

We offer through you, M our congratulations to the C our admiration and affection.

3.46 p.m.

Mr. David Steel (Roxbur and Peebles): There has be mon thread running through Jubilee tributes, including tho heard this afternoon. We not Her Majesty for 25 years' dev service but we extend our war to the Queen and her family as on this happy anniversary a ledge the example in conte life that she has given to nation.

We know, Mr. Speaker, t senting the humble Address y one of the functions which

uncovered by normal auditing procedures. The inquiry will examine the past events and consider what should be done in the future to see that such an incident does not happen again. We are considering the security aspects, but I have no reason to believe that any security risk existed because, while the catering branch is important, it is not close to the nation's secrets.

HER MAJESTY'S SILVER WEDDING

3.38 p.m.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Edward Heath): I beg to move,

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, congratulating Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding; expressing the deep gratitude of this House for their contribution to the affairs of the nation and for their unfailing example in public and family life; and conveying every good wish for their continued happiness.

A silver wedding is above all an occasion for family congratulation and rejoicing. But the life of our Royal Family, maintained, as Sir Winston Churchill said on the occasion of the Silver Wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, in the full glare of publicity which falls upon exalted personages, touches the hearts and imaginations of millions of people outside as well as within the Commonwealth of which the Queen is the head. The events which make up the chronicle of any family life, when they concern the Queen and her family, engage the interest and sympathy of all her peoples. All of us are in some measure partners in their griefs and joys.

This is, then, an occasion on which all of us in the House would wish to express not only our humble duty to the Queen but our affectionate congratulations to her and to her husband on achieving 25 years of happily married life.

When Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip were married in November, 1947, they had every right to hope and expect that it would be many years before they were called upon to take on the responsibilities which her accession to the Throne was bound to impose upon them both. In the event, the call to the Throne came suddenly, on a winter's morning in 1952, less than five years after their wedding. For more than 20 years of their married life, the Queen has carried the full burden of the duties of Monarchy and Prince Philip has not only helped the Queen to sustain that burden but has also made his own distinctive contribution to our national life.

The Queen and Prince Philip have not spared themselves in their public duties. They have altered the pattern of those duties to suit the changing circumstances

[THE PRIME MINISTER.]

of the time. There is less ceremonial but much more travel, not only in this country but throughout the Commonwealth, and there are many more opportunities for the Queen and Prince Philip to meet people informally. In addition, as I am sure the Leader of the Opposition will be able to confirm, the Queen deals with a wide range of submissions, papers and telegrams sent to her by her Ministers and takes the keenest and closest interest in the conduct of public affairs.

But the background to all this public service, a background without which, indeed, the public duties would be insupportable, is a happy family life with their four children. Those who were in the Abbey this morning and those who watched the service in their homes on television could see for themselves the radiant happiness of the Queen and her family which communicated itself to all of us present and to the whole nation watching.

In our generation, we have been able to share more fully than our predecessors in the private life of the Royal Family, thanks to radio and television. No one who saw the film shown on television a few years ago could doubt the secure basis of mutual affection, understanding and contentment on which that family life is founded.

The charm and the spirit which the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne already demonstrate to a wider world bear witness to the skill and success with which their parents have managed their upbringing, despite all the pressures of public duties upon them.

For 25 years, the Queen and Prince Philip have given themselves with unsparing devotion to the service of the Queen's peoples in this country and elsewhere in the Commonwealth. In this, they have been sustained by the love and the support of their family. I hope that they feel themselves to be rewarded by the admiration and affection in which they are held and which they have so richly earned. Their Silver Wedding provides an opportunity for that admiration and that affection to find expression.

I am sure that the House will be reflecting the feelings and the wishes of the whole country in conveying to the Queen and Prince Philip, by this Address, their congratulations on 25 years of happy married life and their good wishes for the future. I think that it would be appropriate, as well as in accordance with precedent, that this Address should be presented to the Queen by Privy Councillors representing all parties.

3.43 p.m.

Mr. Harold Wilson (Huyton): I should like, on behalf of the official Opposition, to support the Motion moved by the Prime Minister.

This morning, at the Abbey service to which the right hon. Gentleman referred, this House was represented by you, Mr. Speaker, by the Cabinet and by representatives of the official Opposition and the Liberal Party. At the marriage ceremony 25 years ago, the House was similarly represented. I think that there are very few of us here today who represented the House on this occasion.

Over those 25 years, we have seen the continuing development of closer relations between the Royal Family and the British people, the growing informality in their approaches to the problems of the British people and the identification of the Royal Family in worthy national and world causes and concerns—concerns which are non-controversial as between parties—[AN HON. MEMBER: "Like the Common Market."]—but which do gain greatly in their propagation by the support given by leading members of the Royal Family.

One thinks of the Duke of Edinburgh, for example, with his emphasis on environmental questions and problems. Indeed, I pick up the point that the Prime Minister made, about the active part that he and others have played in encouraging better organised business management, including, for example, the emphasis which some of the Royal Family have been able to lay on the quality of industrial design and on consensus relationships between the two sides of industry in the industrial conferences convened by His Royal Highness. These activities include also the problems of Wales, both before and since the investiture of the Prince of Wales.

The right hon. Gentleman referred to the hard work done by the Queen in the study of documents and telegrams. Some of this came out in the questioning and evidence before the recent Committee on the Civil List. The right hon.

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LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

11 July 1990

As the Lord President's Office will no doubt have told you, the Humble Address to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday is to be moved in the House of Commons on Friday 13 July. I enclose a copy of a draft of the Prime Minister's speech, which the Prime Minister has not yet seen because she is in Houston at the Economic Summit. She will look at it overnight tonight. I would be grateful if you could confirm that the factual references to Her Majesty in this draft are, as far as you know, wholly accurate.

Dominic Morris

Captain Sir Alastair Aird, K.C.V.O.,
Comptroller to H.M. Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother

TJS/AG

B/f Thursday & Dm.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL. LONDON SW1A 2AT

9 July 1990

Dear Andrew,

QUEEN MOTHER'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

I enclose a copy of a letter I have today written to Sir Alastair Aird enclosing copies of the texts of the Humble Addresses and Messages of greeting; and also confirming the finally agreed composition of the deputation that will wait upon Her Majesty at 12.20pm on 19 July at Clarence House.

Sir Alastair said that the arrangements at Clarence House would be that The Queen Mother, accompanied by her Private Secretary and a Lady-in-Waiting, would be at one side of the room; the deputations would file in led by the Lord Chancellor and by Mr Speaker and line up facing Her; the Lord Chancellor would then deliver the Message from the House of Lords and the Speaker would deliver the Message from the House of Commons; Her Majesty would then reply briefly in suitable words; and then refreshment would be served.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean, Douglas Slater, Gillian Kirton, and Bill MacKay in the Journal Office, House of Commons. I am also writing separately to the Private Secretaries to those who will make up the Commons side of the Deputation, confirming the arrangements that have been made with them by telephone; Douglas Slater will similarly write to the Private Secretaries to those involved for the House of Lords.

T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

Andrew Turnbull Esq
No 10

TJS/AG

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL. LONDON SW1A 2AT

9 July 1990

Dear Sir Alastair,

We spoke this morning about the arrangements for the presentation of the messages of congratulation to The Queen Mother from both Houses of Parliament, which are to be delivered to Her Majesty at Clarence House on Thursday 19 July.

I have pleasure in enclosing texts of the Humble Addresses and Messages which will be moved by the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

I am also able to confirm that the Deputation on 19 July will comprise, for their Lordships' House, the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Cledwyn, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Lady Hylton-Foster and Lord Aberdare; and for the House of Commons Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Lord President of the Council, Mr Kinnock, Sir David Steel, Mr Molyneaux and Sir Bernard Braine, the Father of the House. If there is anything further you need to know about the arrangements at our end, do please let me know.

T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

Captain Sir Alastair Aird KCVO
Comptroller to HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother

Notices

Her Majesty The Queen Mother -
to move, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen as follows -

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to associate this House most warmly with the congratulations offered to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on the occasion of Her forthcoming ninetieth Birthday:

To assure Your Majesty of the gratitude of this House for the many years of service which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother has dedicated to Your Majesty's subjects and to record the deep affection in which She is held by this House and by the Nation and the Commonwealth:

To express the hope that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother may long enjoy health and happiness.

Her Majesty The Queen Mother -
to move, That a Message be conveyed to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother as follows -

Your Majesty,

We, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer to Your Majesty the congratulations of this House on the occasion of Your Majesty's forthcoming ninetieth Birthday:

To assure Your Majesty of the devotion and affection for Your Majesty which is felt in the hearts of this House and of the Nation and the Commonwealth:

To wish Your Majesty health and happiness in the years to come.

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL. LONDON SW1A 2AT

9 July 1990

Dear Peter,

QUEEN MOTHER'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

I write to confirm the arrangements for the presentation of a Message of Congratulation to Her Majesty The Queen Mother about which our offices have been in touch.

The texts of the motions for the Order Paper, including the text of the Message itself, have been finalised following discussions with the Clerk of the Journals. I enclose a copy of the texts. I understand that the motions will be tabled on Thursday this week, to appear in Friday's Order Paper and will be First Order of the Day on this Friday, 13 July.

The deputation so far as the Commons is concerned will comprise Mr Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Lord President, Mr Kinnock, Sir David Steel (at Mr Ashdown's request since Mr Ashdown cannot attend at Clarence House on 19 July), Mr Molyneaux and Sir Bernard Braine, the Father of the House.

The arrangements for 19 July are that the deputation should wait upon Her Majesty at 12.20pm at Clarence House. Along with the Lords deputation led by the Lord Chancellor, the deputation, led by Mr Speaker, will be admitted into the Royal presence and line up facing Her Majesty. The Lord Chancellor will then deliver the message from the Upper House, and Mr Speaker will then deliver the message from the Lower House. The Queen Mother will then make a brief and equally formal reply. Refreshments will then be served. The whole process will take no more than half an hour.

I am copying this letter to the secretaries to the other Members of the Commons deputation, to Mr Ashdown's secretary, to the Clerk of the Journals, and to the Private Secretaries to the Captain of the Gentlemen at Arms and the Patronage Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

P J Kitcatt Esq
Mr Speaker's Secretary
House of Commons

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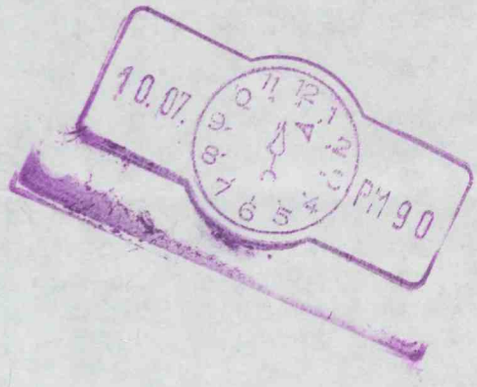
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PRIME MINISTER

HM THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

I attach at **FLAG A** the draft text, which Professor Owen Chadwick has very kindly prepared for you to move the Motion in the House on Friday.

There are two square bracketted passages. I am not sure how much the first, which is Professor Chadwick's, adds to the flow. The second, which I have drafted, covers the 90th Birthday Parade last month. I have included in the folder a programme for the parade which shows the enormous list of organisations who took part, to all of which The Queen Mother is patron.

For comparative purposes, at **FLAG B** is the text you gave on The Queen Mother's 80th birthday and earlier examples from The Queen's Silver Jubilee and the Royal Silver Wedding.

When you saw the list of names of those who would be listed in the Motion and going to deliver the message to Clarence House later this month, you were concerned lest Clarence House would find it too long. We have checked with Clarence House who confirmed that they were very happy with the names proposed and that the overall length of the list seemed just right.

In view of that (and of the difficulties we will have with the minority parties if we cut the list further), content with the proposal for seven from the Commons and seven from the Lords?

DOMINIC MORRIS
9 July 1990
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I beg to move that an humble address be presented to Her Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this house profoundly shares the great joy of the nation on the occasion of the ninetieth birthday of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

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Anyone born in 1900 had their emotions agonised by the great war of 1914 to 1918. She shared with others then in their teens the experience of having close relatives killed, her home turned into a hospital, herself taking part in nursing and ministering to the wounded and knitting warm clothes for unknown soldiers in cold and cheerless trenches. All the years thereafter she has taken pride in the courage of the British, the excellence of their fighting services, the willingness of the ordinary

citizen to come forward in defence of the country. She has loved to be colonel-in-chief of historic regiments, like the Black Watch and the Queen's Own Hussars, or to be a leader in the Women's Royal Naval Service. But she also takes pleasure in homely things, such as the programme, Dad's Army, about that body of men which won her admiration as it stood so hastily to arms at the crisis of this country's fortunes.

When at the age of seventy-eight she consented to be Lord Warden and Admiral of the cinque ports, the symbol of the defence of our southern shores, the appointment gave most pleasure to those of all three services who could remember long nights on the cliffs or at airfields off the coast, watching for an enemy which at last did not dare to put to sea.

That her Scottish home was an emergency hospital while she was a girl, helped to form that compassion for the sufferer which has been a mark of her service to the nation. It has been no formality to her to be patron of the Red Cross, or to do all that she could for the nurses in our hospitals.

In 1936 she was called to serve our people as the Queen of King George VI, and so made a record by being the first person of English and Scottish parentage to be consort to our sovereign. Soon the nation found itself again in a great war and exceptional burdens fell upon the king. He had a strong sense of duty and determination. Everyone is agreed that his queen sustained him, both during the war and in the early years of reconstruction afterwards. Nothing moved us more than when the two of them determined to share the hazards faced by their subjects during the london blitz by remaining at the centre of the bomb-scarred capital. The inspiration she and the king provided during the struggle for freedom and democracy sealed for ever the place of the royal family in our hearts.

In the decades of peace which followed, she has become Queen-Mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother. But never someone who has withdrawn from public life. She has loved people too much for that. She enjoys friends and, with her gift for making all who meet her into friends, the circle of friendship is ever widening.

[She loves the flowers of Britain, and is an expert in how to make a garden. She revels in every sort of animal, from thoroughbred racehorses to the seals along her beloved Highland shores. She has liked to travel, especially to the countries of the commonwealth, which is so important to her, and whose peoples' affection for her matches our own.]

[All of us who were privileged to witness the Birthday Tribute to Her Majesty last month, saw the great depth of affection and loyalty that flowed out to her; from people of all walks of life and from all parts of the country. Each, as they marched past in parade, had in their faces the glow of pride and of happiness at being able to say 'Thank you' to the person who continues to give so much of her time and her personal involvement to the hundreds of organisations which serve the community, and which form the strong threads in the tapestry of our national life. It was a joyous and fitting tribute to Her Majesty.]

She is constantly out among us, smiling at us and cheering us up and raising our morale and fostering every good endeavour that she sees, remembering people's faces and never seeming to be tired. The warmth

of her own affection for the nation has deepened the affections of the nation for her. Our realm and commonwealth owe this much-loved person such a debt as could never be paid. We all hope that we shall continue to receive her blessing for years to come.

67 Grantchester Street, Cambridge, CB3 9HZ Telephone : 0223-314000

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Here's a swag at it

Doubts in footnotes

All good

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90th birthday

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victory over Nazism, and our value for constitutional monarchy, (even our sense of the nature of our political structure)[1], owe her a debt for what she did then and afterwards.

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PRIME MINISTER

QUEEN MOTHER'S 90th BIRTHDAY

I attach at Flag A a copy of the motion which the clerks have proposed and at Flag B is the motion passed in 1980 for purposes of comparison. You will see that at the end of the motion is a gap for the list of names for those who will go to Clarence House to deliver the message. Clarence House have suggested that the party this time be slightly smaller. I have discussed the delegation with the Lord President and Chief Whip's Office and suggest the following names:-

From the Commons:
Prime Minister
The Speaker
Lord President (as Leader of the House)
Mr Kinnock
Mr Molyneaux
Mr Ashdown
Sir Bernard Braine

From the Lords:
Lord Privy Seal
Lord Chancellor
Archbishop of Canterbury
Lord Cledwyn
Lord Aberdare
Lord Jenkins of Hillhead
Lady Hylton-Foster (Convenor of the Cross Benches)

This is rather a lot. Can we not cut it further?

As regards the short speech you need to make to move the motion, Owen Chadwick was delighted to take this on and is letting us have a draft in time for the Tuesday box which will come out to Houston.

Content with the form of the motion? Yes
and
with the list of names of those who will go to Clarence House?

Still rather long, no

Dominic Morris
5 July 1990

c: Queen (MJ)

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ORDERS OF THE DAY AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

*Those marked thus * are Government Orders of the Day*

EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER

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SUPPLY [29th allotted Day]:

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The Prime Minister
Mr Secretary Whitelaw
Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer
Secretary Sir Keith Joseph
Mr Secretary Pym
Sir Ian Gilmour

That this House takes note of the Report on Developments in the European Communities, January to December 1979 (Cmnd. 7780).

At Ten o'clock

Mr Speaker will put the Question under Standing Order No. 18 (Business of Supply) on the outstanding total amounts to be granted from the Consolidated Fund.

CIVIL ESTIMATES, 1980-81

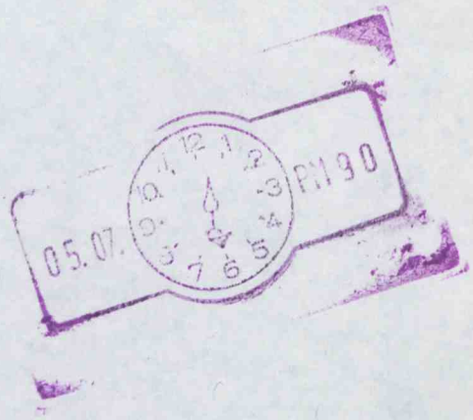
Mr Nigel Lawson

Class II

That a sum, not exceeding £861,246,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, to complete the sum necessary to defray the charge which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1981, for expenditure in respect of the Services included in Class II of the Civil Estimates, as set out in House of Commons Papers 470 and 645.

Mr Michael English
Mr Richard Wainwright

The above Members have given notice of objection under Standing Order No. 18(10) to the above total amount.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FROM THE CLERK OF THE JOURNALS

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Telephone: 01-219 3000 (Switchboard)
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5 July 1990

Dear Murdo

You asked yesterday for a little more background on the 1980 Motion of congratulation to the Queen Mother. I enclose first a copy of the relevant 1980 Order Paper and second an indication of what the Motions you now have in mind might look like when tabled (based on the first).

So far as I can tell, the Motions in 1980 were tabled the evening before they appeared on the Order Paper (as first among the Orders of the day and Notices). A Manuscript Amendment was tabled by Mr Skinner, but ruled inadmissible because outside the scope of the Motion. The Prime Minister moved the first Motion, and was followed in debate by the Leader of he Opposition, the Leader of the Liberal Party, Mr Skinner, Mr William Hamilton, Dr Alan Glyn, the Leader of the House and finally Mr Arthur Lewis. The Speaker explained that the Motion was "actually four motions in one". He put the first three together and put the last separately in an amended form because (as you recalled) the name of the Leader of the House had been inadvertently omitted. The whole debate took slightly under half an hour. There was no division.

I must correct a small mis-statement in my letter of 11 June. Among these named to deliver the Message was Mr Foot. He was not however, then Leader of the Opposition but must have deputised for Mr Callaghan, who was then Leader of the Opposition.

Yours sincerely

W R McKay

Murdo Maclean Esq
Secretary to the Government Chief Whip
House of Commons

PRIME MINISTER

Birthday Present for The Queen Mother

I have spoken to Sir Martin Gilliat who has given me a helpful steer on a gift which the Cabinet might present to The Queen Mother. On her 80th birthday she was given two silver candlesticks but is now sated with silver. There is always room, however, on the walls of Clarence House, Royal Lodge Windsor and Birkhall for pictures or prints. Sir Martin suggests we find a print with a historical association, e.g., Downing Street, Old India Office, Whitehall, etc.

He also suggests that it would be better for the presentation to be made at the dinner on 4 December rather than on her birthday proper when she will be inundated. The cost will be shared among the members of Cabinet. Would a target value of £500 be about right?

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ANDREW TURNBULL

5 July 1990

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To: MR MORRIS

cc Mr Maclean
Mr Slater
Mrs Thomson

From: T J Sutton
Date: 4 July 1990

THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 90th BIRTHDAY

We have spoken about this several times in recent days and we are meeting this afternoon at 4.30 pm in Mr Maclean's room in the House. This is just to sum up where matters now stand, so far as I know.

We have confirmed a date for the reception of the Loyal Address at Clarence House (Thursday 19 July, 12.20 pm), and know that the most important invitees are free then (my letter of 18 June to Andrew Turnbull).

Mr Maclean has since told me that in his view the deputation from the House of Commons should comprise the Speaker, the Prime Minister, the Lord President, Mr Kinnock, Mr ~~Hattersley~~ Molyneaux, Mr Ashdown and Sir Bernard Braine. In view of this, Mr Slater has said that the deputation representing the Lords should include the Lord Privy Seal, the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Cledwyn, Lord Aberdare and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. For comparison, those who attended on the last occasion were set out in Bill McKay's letter of 11 June enclosed with Mr Maclean's letter to me of 12 June, and Douglas Slater's letter to me of 13 June.

+ Lady Hilton Foster (Cross Bench)

I should add that the Lord President has not so far formally approved any of these names; I have been proceeding on the basis that he will not have any comments providing we are all sure that what is proposed is in order.

My minute of 18 June to Mr Maclean, copied to Mr Slater, asked whether the drafts attached to Mr McKay's letter of 11 June were satisfactory. Mr Slater has confirmed that he has acceptable drafts for the Motions for the House of Lords. I imagine that Mr Maclean is also content with the drafts so far as the Commons is concerned.

Mr Slater has also asked whether he can get on and lay the Motion soon; the Lords are coming to deal with it on Tuesday 17 July.

You have discussed with Mr Clark in Mr Kinnock's office the best timing for the Motion in the Commons, and mentioned this morning that the Prime Minister had agreed to deal with this on Thursday 12 July because Mr Kinnock is not around on Tuesday 17 July. I imagine it does not matter particularly if the Lords and Commons deal with the Motions on different days?

You mentioned that you were not sure exactly what procedurally was involved for the Prime Minister in moving the Motion. No more am I. We look to Mr Maclean for advice on this.

As to the precise arrangements for the ceremony at Clarence House on 19 July, we have Mr McKay's letter mentioning in outline what happened last time, but no doubt Sir Alistair Aird will be able to give any further detailed instructions we want. But it is my understanding that neither the Prime Minister nor the Lord President needs to say anything.

ACTIONS

(i) Confirm Thursday 12 July for the Motion in the Commons; Done but 13/7 now agreed.

(ii) Confirm exactly what the Prime Minister does at what time on that day;

(iii) Confirm that the Lords can still do their Motion on Tuesday 17 July, or else agree a different date; ✓

(iv) agree the make up of the deputation from the two Houses; ✓

(v) tell Clarence House who will be in the deputation; ✓ T.S. to do.

(vi) confirm that the texts of the Commons Motions provided by Mr McKay are satisfactory; ✓ in with PM for approval.

(vii) get the Motions in both Houses on to the Order Paper MM to do.

(viii) provide copies of the Motions to Clarence House. TS to do.

In default of any other obvious co-ordinator of this exercise, I have previously agreed with Andrew Turnbull that I would liaise with Clarence House. So I will be dealing with (v) and (viii) as soon as Mr Maclean and Mr Slater have done the necessary.

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T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

PRIME MINISTER

HM THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY: MOTION IN THE HOUSE

When we spoke this morning, you said that the Motion in the House for HM The Queen Mother's 90th birthday should be moved next Thursday afternoon when you get back from Houston, because there was a risk that a thin House on Friday 13 July (the only other possible date) might seem disrespectful.

The Labour Business Managers have raised a difficulty about this. Thursday is the second half-day on the community charge capping orders. Business Questions, and your statement on Houston and NATO, will in any case eat into that half-day. They fear that another half-hour on top of that to allow the birthday Motion to be moved will be too much for the rowdier element on the Labour backbenches who could seek to disrupt it. The way Labour have been behaving in the House over the last two days, there is some force in this.

The Lord President and the Chief Whip therefore endorse moving the Motion on the Friday morning and are fairly sure they could secure a respectable turnout of the House with senior figures and perhaps 50 backbenchers on each side. The only other (very undesirable) option, would be to do the Houston/NATO statement on the Friday morning that would be more disruptive on your diary for that day - diary extract attached.

Content that the Birthday Motion be moved on Friday morning?
OR
Do the Houston/NATO statement on Friday morning?
OR
Do both on Thursday afternoon?

DOMINIC MORRIS
4 July 1990

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Thursday 12 July

0655	**ARRIVE HEATHROW**
c0735	**RETURN TO NO 10**
0800	Hair
0930	Questions Briefing Team
1000	Keep free for boxes
1115	Cabinet
	Keep free for boxes
1300	Questions Briefing and Lunch
1515	**QUESTIONS**
	STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC SUMMIT
	MOVE MOTION FOR LOYAL ADDRESS
1630	**KEEP FREE FOR AT H/C**
	Keep free for boxes

Friday 13 July

0930	Mrs Margaret Harrison + BG + CAS
1000	Lord Young + JW
1030	William Buckley and others + CDP
1130	Sir Robin Butler + AT
?1200-1215	Receive membership of Westminster East Rotary Club
1215	Keep free
1315	**DEPART NO 10**
	FINCHLEY CARNIVAL
	TO CHEQUERS

TJS / sh

MS PHIPPARD

From: T J SUTTON

cc: Mr Maclean
Mr Morris (No 10)
Mr Harris

Date: 2 July 1990

QUEEN MOTHER'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Lord President has ask me to let Sir Robin Butler see a copy of a letter we have received from David Madel MP. It relates to the traffic jams caused by the celebrations on Horseguards Parade last Wednesday evening.

We have not yet replied to the letter. Sir Geoffrey has commented that he tends to agree with the suggestion that greater account be taken of the month of the year and the time of day when events of this sort are planned - for the sake of the events themselves.

I imagine that, subject to Sir Robin's views, we could simply reply saying that Mr Madel's comments have been passed on to those concerned and that it is obviously important for the sake of the celebrations as much as for the convenience of those not attending them, that the problems for London's traffic should be taken fully into account.

T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

From David Madel, M.P.

LORD PRESIDENT
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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

27th June, 1990.

Dear Geoffrey,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Leader of the House, although I am not quite sure whether I am right to do so in this context. However it is something that I think should be brought to the attention of a senior member of the Cabinet.

It concerns to-day's arrangements for the 90th birthday celebrations for the Queen Mother. Perhaps I should start by saying that as I think her birthday is in August, I am rather surprised the celebrations are taking place so early.

There are however two more important points. If it does have to be in June, why pick a week day when people have to go about their daily business. (I note her actual birthday is on a Saturday this year). Even more important, I gather from the police that the massive traffic jam this morning was caused by the rehearsal. Surely the rehearsal at any rate could have been held at the week end?

Of course no one could have known in advance that there would be a bomb in the Carlton Club, ~~but~~ this does stretch the police to their utmost. Indeed I gather part of this morning's trafic problems were made worse by a bomb scare at the Institute of Directors.

All I am really suggesting is that when this sort of Royal occasion is fixed, could greater consideration be given to the month of the year, particularly if they are to take palce mid week and part of the activities take place during the day?

Of course I and no doubt most other people are delighted that such a tribute should be paid to the Queen Mother, but I am sure many more people would be delighted - particularly the police - if they did not have to deal with a massive traffic jam.

Yours ever,
John

The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, M.P.

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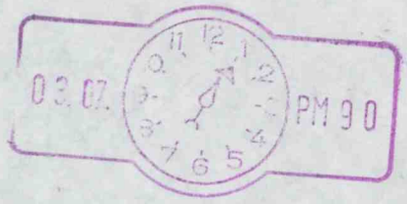
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PRIME MINISTER

BIRTHDAY CARD FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

You endorsed June Drever's suggestion that we should invite a water colourist to paint a picture of the Elizabeth of Glamis rose for a birthday card for The Queen Mother. Mrs. Gwen Mandley has submitted four drawings for you to choose from. The note at flag A provides an explanation of each.
Which do you prefer - 1, 2, 3, 4?

My own preference is for no.2 which shows both the old Elizabeth of Glamis rose and the new Queen Mother rose which was introduced at the Chelsea Flower Show this year.

Mr. Cavanagh of the Cabinet Office Graphic Design Unit has agreed to put together the card. The drawing would be remounted and inside there could be a double page insert which might have the No.10 door drawn on its front with the greeting and signatures on the inside pages. I attach at flag B a specimen of the No.10 motif.
Content to proceed in this way?

ANDREW TURNBULL

22 June 1990

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working papers in Appointments
proceeding with above

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5.7.90

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NKM AT 19/6

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT

18 June 1990

Dear Andrew,

EVENTS FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Thank you for your letter of 2 April.

Sir Alastair Aird has since been in touch with me and we have done some informal checking of important diaries which, as Dominic Morris is aware, has resulted in confirmation that The Queen Mother will receive the Loyal Address at 12.20pm on Thursday 19 July. The proceedings will be over in half an hour, we are told.

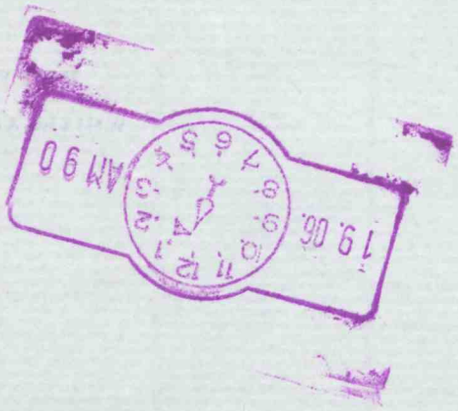
Again as Dominic is aware, this means that the formal moving of the Motion for the Loyal Address will be on Tuesday 17 July, at 3.30pm.

No doubt Clarence House will now issue formal invitations. Dominic Morris, Murdo Maclean, Douglas Slater for the House of Lords and I will collaborate as necessary to ensure the Parliamentary and procedural aspects of this little ceremony are set up.

I am copying this letter to Murdo Maclean, Douglas Slater and Gillian Kirton.

T J SUTTON
Principal Private Secretary

Andrew Turnbull Esq
No 10



ROYAL FAMILY

Celeb of QM's 90th bday

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FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE
AND THE CHIEF WHIP

13 June 1990

Dear Tim,

QUEEN MOTHER'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

I have seen Murdo's letter of ~~12 June~~ WILL REQUEST IF REQUIRED on this subject, together with the enclosed letter from the Clerk of the Journals in the Commons.

I have been discussing this matter with the Clerks in the Parliament Office, who have taken on the preparation of the Humble Address to The Queen, and the Message to be presented to The Queen Mother from the House of Lords.

The arrangements between the Houses are, in fact, very similar. In 1980 the Members of the Lords who delivered the Message to The Queen Mother were the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leader of the Liberals, and the Convenor of the Crossbenches. It would seem sensible that this precedent should be followed on this occasion.

One point which should be noted is that there is no need for the 2 Houses to deal with their respective motions on the same day. Therefore, as soon as we know what date would suit Clarence House, the motions can be set down in each House according the individual business management needs of each.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Murdo Maclean, Dominic Morris and Gillian Kirton.

Yours ever

Douglas

D F SLATER

Tim Sutton Esq
Private Secretary to the
Lord President of the Council
68 Whitehall
LONDON SW1

PRIME MINISTER

This looks uncomfortably early to me. Shall I investigate whether this really is the closest date to 4 August?

I have since checked with Clarence House. 19 July is the middle one of 3 dates which they suggested. The later date (27 July) is inconvenient for most of the other participants (you are also due to be in regional town that day). DM 13/6 DM 13/6

THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: PRESENTATION OF ADDRESS

The House will need to send a formal message of congratulations to The Queen Mother on her 90th birthday. When she had her 80th birthday you, Mr. Speaker, leaders of the main opposition parties and a few other senior House figures delivered the message in person. It seems clear that Clarence House and the House authorities envisage the same thing happening this time. What is involved is an half hour visit to Clarence House; the speaker formally reads the message, The Queen Mother replies formally and then all stay on for a brief glass of sherry.

The only time and date which everybody seems able to do is 12.30 on 19 July. That is a Questions day but on past form you should be able to be back by one o'clock or very shortly afterwards.

Content?

Yes

DM

DOMINIC MORRIS

13 June 1990

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Government Chief Whip

12 Downing Street, London SW1A 2AA

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From the Private Secretary

12 June 1990

Dear Tim,

QUEEN MOTHER'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

I attach a copy of a letter from the Clerk of the Journals which might serve as the basis for discussion between the Lord President, the Lord Privy Seal and the Chief Whips.

I understand that you are seeking to establish with Clarence House some dates in July when it might be possible for a Message to be presented to the Queen Mother.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Dominic Morris, Gillian Kirton and to Douglas Slater.

Yours ever,

Murdo

MURDO MACLEAN

Tim Sutton Esq
Private Secretary to the
Lord President
68 Whitehall
London SW1

FROM THE CLERK OF THE JOURNALS

JOURNAL OFFICE
HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON S.W.1

Telephone: 01-219 3000 (Switchboard)
01-219 3315 (Direct Line)

11 June 1990

Dear Murdo

You asked about the procedure which might be followed if the House wished to congratulate the Queen Mother on her ninetieth birthday. I understand that, in general, you wish to follow the precedent of 1979-80; and though there are other possibilities, that example is obviously the most relevant.

Broadly speaking, what is involved is an Address to the Queen and a Message to the Queen Mother, both considered on the same day. In addition, arrangements are made by the House for the presentation of the Address and the Message; and replies received are communicated to the House.

As a first draft for the Address (to the Queen), I suggest:

> That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House profoundly shares the great joy of the nation on the occasion of the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

In 1980 the analogous Motion was moved by the Prime Minister. After the Address is agreed to, a formal order is made for its presentation:

> That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

This normally of course means the Vice-Chamberlain; and in 1980, it was the Vice-Chamberlain who communicated the reply.

Turning now to the Message to the Queen Mother, perhaps something along the following lines might be suitable:

> That a Message be sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, to offer to Her Majesty the heartfelt good wishes of the House upon the occasion of Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday, praying that, in universal affection and gratitude for a lifetime of service to the nation and the Commonwealth, Her Majesty may long continue in health and happiness.

This Motion too was in 1980 made by the Prime Minister.

In 1980 a specific Order (again moved by the Prime Minister) was made in connection with the presentation of the Message to the Queen Mother. The Speaker, the Prime Minister, two senior Ministers (then Mr Whitelaw and Mr St John-Stevas), two senior Opposition Members (the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Foot) and Mr Merlyn Rees), the Leader of the Liberal Party and the Father of the House (Mr John Parker) were ordered to "wait upon Her Majesty with the said Message". When they had done so, the Speaker communicated the Queen Mother's reply (the day after the Queen's had been received).

The Lords also sent an Address to the Queen and a Message to the Queen Mother. The terms (allowing for the similarity of intention) were different from those employed by this House, as was the timing of their agreement.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

W R McKay

Murdo Maclean Esq
Secretary to the Government Chief Whip
House of Commons

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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

25 May 1990

Dear Sir Alastair.

THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Following our telephone conversation yesterday, I can confirm that it is proposed that there should be a Humble Address from both Houses of Parliament to mark Her Majesty's 90th birthday. This is being co-ordinated in the Lord President's Office. If you require any further details on the arrangements, his Private Secretary, Tim Sutton, will be ready to advise.

I am copying this letter to Tim Sutton (Lord President's Office) and Gillian Kirton (Lord Privy Seal's Office).

Yours sincerely

Andrew Turnbull

ANDREW TURNBULL

Captain Sir Alastair Aird, K.C.V.O.

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10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

2 April 1990

Dear Tim.

EVENTS FOR QUEEN MOTHER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The Prime Minister and the Lord President discussed your minute of 2 April. It was agreed that the Lord President should put in hand the preparations for a Humble Address from Parliament, though it was noted that Parliament was not likely to be sitting on the day of Her Majesty's birthday.

It was noted that there was no separate Scottish element to the programme. It may be that something is planned which has not come to your attention but, as a precaution, I have spoken to Jim Gallagher in Mr Rifkind's office to alert him to this potential problem.

The dinner in Number 10 for Cabinet Ministers and wives, to which The Queen Mother has been invited, will be on 4 December.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Turnbull

ANDREW TURNBULL

Tim Sutton, Esq.
Lord President's Office

hc: SO

TJS / sh

From : T J SUTTON
Date : 1 April 1990

LORD PRESIDENT

cc: Mr Turnbull
Mr Maclean

EVENTS FOR QUEEN MOTHER'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Mr Maclean has spoken to Sir William Heseltine at the Palace. The Palace are organising a less strenuous programme of events than was laid on to mark the Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

There will not be a special Thanksgiving Service, but she and the Queen will attend service at Windsor Chapel on the Sunday.

The Master of the Royal Mint has made arrangements for the striking of a commemorative coin (press release went out last week).

The City will be organising a lunch at the Guildhall in June.

There is to be an event on Horseguards, organised by Michael Parker (former Private Secretary to Prince Philip). This was originally to be a military event, but is now for both for civil and military organisations, involving all those of which the Queen Mother is Patron or Commander in Chief.

There is to be a Gala evening in the Coliseum with the Queen and Princess Margaret accompanying her.

The Palace think that floodlighting, eg of the King George V1 Memorial, could be arranged relatively easily. But they have not done anything about this themselves.

If there is to be a Humble Address from Parliament, before Parliament rises for the Summer Recess, Sir William Heseltine thinks this would be fine and arrangements could be made for its delivery and reception. But any more Parliamentary events would, it is felt, not be needed.

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Arrangements for the series of events are being coordinated by Clarence House. We can make contact with them as necessary to arrange details of timing and receipt etc for a Humble Address from both Houses of Parliament.

All that No 10 are organising is a formal dinner ~~in November~~ on 4 December, and Mr Maclean imagines that they will not want to get involved in organising any other events.

So I suggest that you could usefully run through this calendar of events with the Prime Minister this morning, and secure her agreement to your and Lord Belstead's organising a Humble Address from both Houses of Parliament, and agree with her that nothing more is needed from Government. The one other question, of floodlighting statues, might be discussed with Clarence House first and then handed over to DoE.

T J SUTTON

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C:\PPS\Gilliat

10 DOWNING STREET

LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Principal Private Secretary

8 February 1990

Dear Sir Martin,

DINNER AT 10 DOWNING STREET

Thank you for your letter of 7 February informing me that The Queen Mother would be unable to attend a dinner being given here on 9 May to mark the 50th anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill assuming office as Prime Minister. Mrs. Thatcher fully understands, particularly in the light of the short notice which was given.

The Prime Minister has, however, asked me to put to you a different proposal. Following The Queen Mother's 80th birthday, She attended a dinner given in Her honour at 10 Downing Street, to which members of the Cabinet and their wives were invited. The Prime Minister and her Cabinet colleagues would very much like to hold a similar dinner this year to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday. Rather than attempt to place the occasion close to Her Majesty's birthday, when Her diary will be crowded with events, the Prime Minister has in mind a date at the end of November or the beginning of December.

I would be grateful if you could establish whether an invitation of this kind would be welcome, and if so, whether the time suggested would be suitable. We could then seek to establish a precise date.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Turnbull

(ANDREW TURNBULL)

Lt. Col. Sir Martin Gilliat, G.C.V.O., M.B.E., D.L.

DTS.

8/2

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

7th February 1990

Dear Mr Turnbull,

You telephoned to me yesterday about the possibility of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother attending a Dinner to be given at 10 Downing Street on Wednesday, 9th May to mark the 50th anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill assuming office as Prime Minister.

I have sought Her Majesty's wishes about this and am writing to let you know that to her great regret The Queen Mother will not be able to undertake this engagement owing to another commitment on the evening in question.

Yours sincerely,
Martin Gilliat.

A. Turnbull, Esq.,
Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Royal Family

10 DOWNING STREET

NOTE FOR THE FILE

The attached card is the explanation for the present the Cabinet gave The Queen Mother when she dined here at 10 Downing St. to commemorate her 80th birthday.

C.S.

22 May 1981

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

13 November
1980

Dear Clive.

Very many thanks for sending round the Birthday Card now signed by Peter Carrington to complete "the Team".

I have handed it to Queen Elizabeth who, as you know, is delighted to have such a charming memento from the Members of the Cabinet.

But even that lovely card smells

to insignificance when compared to the splendid evening that the Prime Minister so kindly arranged on Tuesday - and the gift of those really lovely Candle Sticks. I can't tell you how much pleasure both the Dinner and the gift of the Candle Sticks have brought to Queen Elizabeth.

You - I know had a great deal to do with both the Dinner and the Present - for which we are extremely grateful.

Yours Martin Gilliat

RF

LIST OF GUESTS ATTENDING THE DINNER TO BE GIVEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR. DENIS THATCHER IN HONOUR OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER ON TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1980 AT 7.45 PM FOR 8.00 PM
BLACK TIE

The Prime Minister
and Mr. Denis Thatcher

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

Sir Martin Gilliat

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden

The Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw, MP
and Mrs. Whitelaw

The Rt. Hon. Lord Hailsham of St. Marylebone

The Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington
and Lady Carrington

The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP
and Lady Howe

The Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Joseph, MP

The Rt. Hon. Francis Pym, MP
and Mrs. Pym

The Rt. Hon. Lord Soames
and Lady Soames

The Rt. Hon. James Prior, MP
and Mrs. Prior

The Rt. Hon. Sir Ian Gilmour, MP
and Lady Carline Gilmour

The Rt. Hon. Peter Walker, MP
and Mrs. Walker

The Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine, MP
and Mrs. Heseltine

The Rt. Hon. George Younger, MP
and Mrs. Younger

The Rt. Hon. Nicholas Edwards, MP
and Mrs. Edwards

The Rt. Hon. Humphrey Atkins, MP
and Mrs. Atkins

The Rt. Hon. Patrick Jenkin, MP
and Mrs. Jenkin

The Rt. Hon. Norman St. John-Stevas, MP

The Rt. Hon. John Nott, MP
and Mrs. Nott

18th Century gilt pr. of Sheffield Plate Shirt candlesticks circa 1785

Engraver Armorial of a daughter of King George III, possibly Charlotte born 1766 Augusta 1768 or Elizabeth 1770.

The Rt. Hon. David Howell, MP
and Mrs. Howell

The Rt. Hon. Mark Carlisle, MP
and Mrs. Carlisle

The Rt. Hon. John Biffen, MP
and Mrs. Biffen

The Rt. Hon. Angus Maude, MP
and Mrs. Maude

The Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler, MP
and Mrs. Fowler

The Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling, MP
and Mrs. Jopling

Sir Robert Armstrong
and Lady Armstrong

Mr. Clive Whitmore
and Mrs. Whitmore

Mr. Ian Gow, MP
and Mrs. Gow

Mr. David Wolfson
and Mrs. Wolfson

Dinner

In honour of
Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

Table Plan

10 Downing Street

11th November, 1980

THE RT. HON.
THE PRIME MINISTER

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

The Rt. Hon. William Whitelaw

MR. DENIS THATCHER

The Lady Carrington

Mrs. Whitelaw

The Rt. Hon. Lord Hailsham of St. Marylebone

The Rt. Hon. Lord Carrington

The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe

The Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Joseph

Lady Howe

The Dowager Viscountess Hambledon

The Lady Soames

Mrs. Pym

Sir Martin Gilliat

The Rt. Hon. Francis Pym

The Rt. Hon. James Prior

The Rt. Hon. Lord Soames

Mrs. Prior

Lady Caroline Gilmour

Mrs. Heseltine

Mrs. Walker

The Rt. Hon. Sir Ian Gilmour

The Rt. Hon. Peter Walker

The Rt. Hon. George Younger

The Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine

Mrs. Younger

Mrs. Edwards

Mrs. Jenkin

Mrs. Atkins

The Rt. Hon. Nicholas Edwards

The Rt. Hon. Humphrey Atkins

The Rt. Hon. Norman St. John-Stevas

The Rt. Hon. Patrick Jenkin

Mrs. Biffen

Mrs. Nott

Mrs. Carlisle

Mrs. Howell

The Rt. Hon. John Nott

The Rt. Hon. David Howell

The Rt. Hon. John Biffen

The Rt. Hon. Mark Carlisle

Mrs. Jopling

Mrs. Maude

Mrs. Fowler

Lady Armstrong

The Rt. Hon. Angus Maude

The Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling

Sir Robert Armstrong

The Rt. Hon. Norman Fowler

Mrs. Wolfson

Mrs. Gow

Mrs. Whitmore

Mr. Clive Whitmore

Mr. Ian Gow

Mr. David Wolfson

ENTRANCE

MR. WHITMORE

Queen Mother's Dinner

HM The Queen Mother came to dinner again during Mr. Heath's Administration - on the occasion of Sir William Walton's 70th Birthday on Wednesday, 29 March 1972.

Sue

11 November 1980

PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr Whitmore

Dinner for the Queen Mother

You will remember last week you made a request for a photograph to be taken of the table and separately one of you and Clive together. Derek has arranged for Srjda Dukanovitch to come at 1715 hrs.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

10 November, 1980

identical letter to Miss C S Dawton, MAFF
G G H Walden, FCO

10 November 1980

I am grateful to you for letting me have the Chancellor of the Exchequer's contribution towards the birthday present for The Queen Mother.

Sgd Clive Whitmore

A J Wiggins Esq,
HM Treasury.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Whitehall Place London SW1A 2HH

From the Minister's
Private Office

Clive Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London SW1

10 November 1980

Dear Mr. Whitmore

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

With reference to your letter of 24 October, I now enclose a cheque for £25, being my Minister's contribution to the cost of the candlesticks which are being given to the Queen Mother by the Cabinet at the dinner tomorrow evening.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Dawton

MISS C S DAWTON
Private Office

Prime Minister, Royal Family 1

Here is the timetable for tomorrow evening.

CS. 10/11

CAROLINE

Dinner for the Queen Mother
Tuesday, 11 November

The timings for tomorrow are as follows:

19.55 Arrival of Queen Mother

(Photographers outside)

(Photograph to be taken inside with Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher)

Drinks

Dinner

Loyal Toast

PM to say a few words and present gift

Toast to The Queen Mother's Health.

Sue

10 November 1980

PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr. Whitmore
Mr. Ingham

Dinner for H.M. The Queen Mother

Predictably, there is considerable media interest in the dinner which you and your Cabinet colleagues will give in honour of The Queen Mother tomorrow evening.

As agreed with Clive Whitmore and The Queen Mother's Press Secretary, we have told the media that they may photograph/film The Queen Mother arriving and being met by you outside No.10. If, as we expect, there is a large turn-out of photographers and TV crews, they will work behind a barrier with the Press Office keeping an eye on them.

It would be most helpful if you and The Queen Mother could stay for a few moments on the steps after Her arrival so that the media are able to obtain adequate film of the occasion. Clarence House assure me that The Queen Mother will be happy to do this.

We have also arranged for a COI photographer to be available in the Hall to photograph you and Mr. Thatcher with The Queen Mother for your own personal record. We shall not, of course, release this photograph.

If you have no objection, we propose to find a suitable opportunity to let it be known, after the dinner has taken place, that the Cabinet gave The Queen Mother a pair of Georgian silver plate candlesticks as a present. We would obviously clear our lines first with Clarence House.

Agree?

C.V. ANSON
10 November, 1980

cc Mr. Whitmore

10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

It is possible that the Chief Whip may have to leave your dinner tomorrow night for the Queen Mother depending on what is going on in the House. He is very anxious that the Queen Mother should know that his absence would not be personal.

CS

10 November 1980

MR. WHITMORE

HM Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

1. The Queen Mother was present at a late supper party given by Mr. Heath at No. 10 for Leonard Bernstein on 15 March 1971.

She also came to a lunch given by Mr. Wilson 1964-70 (I will let you have the date on Monday).

2. The printed seating plans will be ready on Monday.

Sue

7 November 1980

Royal Family

4 November 1980

I am grateful to you for letting me have your Secretary of State's contribution towards the birthday present for The Queen Mother.

Sgd Clive Whitmore

J F Craig Esq,
Welsh Office.

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GWYDYR HOUSE
WHITEHALL LONDON SW1A 2ER
Tel. 01-233 3000 (Switchboard)
01-233 6106 (Direct Line)
From The Secretary of State for Wales

Joan Parker

4 November 1980

Dear Clive

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

Thank you for your letter of 24 October.

... As requested, I enclose my Secretary of State's cheque for £25.00 made payable to the Prime Minister.

Yours ever

J F CRAIG
Private Secretary

C Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Royal Family

3 November 1980

I am grateful to you for letting me have your Secretary of State's contribution to the birthday present for The Queen Mother.

Sgd C A Whitmore

Mrs Mary Wright
Northern Ireland Office.

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY Joan Potter

NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
LONDON SW1P 3AJ

3 November 1980

C A Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London
SW1

Dear Mr. Whitmore,

Dinner for Queen Mother

As requested in your letter of 24 October I enclose cheque for £25, made out to the Prime Minister, being the Secretary of State's contribution towards the cost of the present for the Queen Mother.

Yours sincerely

Mary Wright

MRS MARY WRIGHT

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

31 October 1980

Dear Mrs Turp,

I am grateful to you for letting me have your Secretary of State's contribution to The Queen Mother's birthday present.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Turp,
Department of Education and Science.

DSS

ELIZABETH HOUSE,
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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Clive Whitmore Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London SW1

31 October 1980

Dear Clive

Further to your letter of 24 October, I enclose a cheque for £25 towards the present for The Queen Mother.

Yours sincerely

Ros.

MRS R TURP
Private Secretary

identical letter to PS, DES

Royal Family

31 October 1980

I am grateful to you for letting me have your Secretary of State's contribution to The Queen Mother's birthday present.

(Sgd.) Clive Whitmore.

S T R Bodkin Esq
Department of Transport.

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Clive Whitmore Esq
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON
SW1

30 OCTOBER 1980

Dear Mr Whitmore

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

Thank you for your letter of 24 October.

As requested, I enclose a cheque from my Minister for £25 made out to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Bodkin

S T R BODKIN
Private Secretary

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

2 MARSHAM STREET
LONDON SW1P 3EB

My ref:

Your ref:

29 October 1980

Dear Mr. Whitmore

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

I enclose my Secretary of State's cheque for £25 as requested in your letter of 24 October.

Yours sincerely
Audrey Mason

Miss A Mason
Private Secretary

Clive Whitmore Esq

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Mrs. Nott.
29x

From the Secretary of State

Clive Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London SW1

29 October 1980

Dear Mr Whitmore

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

With reference to your letter of 24 October, I now enclose Mr Nott's cheque for £25.00 being his contribution to the Queen Mother's present.

Yours sincerely,

Jean McDonald

Miss Jean McDonald
Private Secretary

29 OCT 1980

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Mrs. Owst.

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Alexander Fleming House, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6BY

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From the Secretary of State for Social Services

Clive Whitmore Esq
10 Downing Street

29 October 1980

Dear Clive,

I enclose a cheque for £25 from my Secretary of State, made out to the Prime Minister as a contribution to the cost of the candlesticks which are being given to The Queen Mother, when the Cabinet entertains her to dinner on Tuesday 11 November.

Yours ever

Jenny Middleton.

identical letter to PS, S/S DHSS
PS, S/S Trade
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30 October 1980

I am grateful to you for letting me have your Secretary of State's contribution to The Queen Mother's birthday present.

Sgd Clive Whitmore

Godfrey Robson Esq
Scottish Office.

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29 October 1980

I am grateful to you for letting me have the Paymaster General's contribution towards the birthday present for The Queen Mother.

CLIVE WHITMORE

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From the Principal Private Secretary

24 October 1980

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Dear Private Secretary,

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

When the Prime Minister showed her colleagues at the start of yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet the candlesticks which are being given to The Queen Mother when the Cabinet entertains her to dinner on Tuesday, 11 November, she invited them to contribute to the cost of the present.

I should be grateful if you would now ask your Minister to let me have, as soon as possible, a cheque for £25 made out to the Prime Minister.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport and Chief Whip and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Whitmore.

The Private Secretary

29 OCT 1980

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

28-10-80

Dear Mr Whitmore.

As promised I send you herewith the Birthday Card.

I have explained to Queen Elizabeth that it is the Prime Minister's intention to get Petra Carrington's signature in order to

Complete the Cabinet.

If Mrs Thatcher should wish to keep the completed Birthday Card until the Dinner on 11th November this would be entirely acceptable to Queen Elizabeth.

Yours sincerely.

Martin Gilliat

Civil Service Department
Whitehall London SW1A 2AZ
01-273 4400

28th October 1980

Dear Mr Whitmore,

I enclose herewith the Lord President's cheque for £25.00 towards the candlesticks to be given to The Queen Mother at the dinner on Tuesday 11th November.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Chapman

Personal Assistant to
Lord Soames

Clive Whitmore Esq.,

29 OCT 1980

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Clive Whitmore Esq
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LONDON SW1

28 October 1980

Dear Mr. Whitmore

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

As requested in your letter of 24 October, attached is my Secretary of State's contribution to The Queen Mother's present.

Yours sincerely
Joyce Wheeler

MISS J E WHEELER

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Clive Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary to
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Mr Whitmore

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 23 October and the enclosed cheque for £678.50.

We were delighted that the Prime Minister was so pleased, not only with the candlesticks, but the box and engraved silver plate. We do hope that the dinner for Her Majesty the Queen Mother is a great success and that the Queen Mother will be pleased with the Cabinet's most handsome gift.

It was indeed a very great pleasure to have been of help.

Yours truly

B E Norman
Partner
Harvey & Gore

From: THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

HOME OFFICE
QUEEN ANNE'S GATE
LONDON SWIH 9AT

28 October 1980

Dear Clive,

Thank you for your letter of 24 October about the dinner for The Queen Mother. I attach the Home Secretary's contribution to the gift the Cabinet is giving.

Yours,
Stephen

(S W BOYS SMITH)

C A Whitmore Esq

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY
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Clive Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary to
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
Whitehall
London SW1

28 October 1980

Dear Mr Whitmore

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

Thank you for your letter of 24 October. As requested, I enclose a cheque from Mr Howell for the sum of £25 drawn in favour of the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

Alan Proud

A D Proud
Private Secretary

FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

HOUSE OF LORDS,
SW1A 0PW

28th October, 1980

C.A. Whitmore Esq.,
Principal Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London, SW1.

Dear Clive,

Dinner for The Queen Mother

Thank you for your letter of 24th October. I enclose a cheque for £25 from the Lord Chancellor to the Prime Minister as a contribution towards the candlesticks which are to be given to The Queen Mother at dinner on Tuesday, 11th November.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Collon

M.H. Collon

28 OCT 1980

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28th October 1980

Dear Clive,

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

I enclose Mr Pym's cheque for £25 made out to the Prime Minister which you requested in your letter of 24th October.

Yours ever

Sue Ambler-Edwards

(SUSAN AMBLER-EDWARDS)

C A Whitmore Esq

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

27 October 1980

Dear Clive,

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

Thank you for your letter of 24 October about the cost of the present to The Queen Mother when Cabinet entertains her to dinner on 11 November. I enclose a cheque from the Chancellor of the Duchy as requested.

Yours ever,

Robin

R A BIRCH

C Whitmore Esq
10 Downing Street
SW1

28 OCT 1980

CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG

Clive Whitmore Esq
No. 10 Downing Street
London SW1

27 October 1980

Dear Clive

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

I enclose a cheque for £25 which is the Chief Secretary's contribution to the cost of the gift for the Queen Mother.

Yours sincerely

Roger Watts

R J T WATTS
Private Secretary

NOTE FOR THE FILE

The Queen Mother's Dinner

I promised to ring Harvey and Gore who are the antique dealers who produced the candlesticks for The Queen Mother to tell them what her (Queen Mother) reaction is to the present. Could I please be reminded.

12/11

27 October 1980

PAYMASTER GENERAL

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT

27 October 1980

C Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Clive,

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

Thank you for your letter of 24 October about the present the Cabinet is giving to the Queen Mother when she is entertained to dinner on Tuesday 11 November.

As requested I attach a cheque for £25 made out to the Prime Minister from the Paymaster General.

Yours ever

Richard

R E S PRESCOTT
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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PS/Secretary of State for Industry

24 October 1980

Clive Whitmore Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Clive

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

Thank you for your letter of 24 October. As requested, I attach a cheque for £25 from my Secretary of State, made out to the Prime Minister.

Yours ever

Ian

I K C ELLISON
Private Secretary

Royal family

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

24 October 1980

Dear Private Secretary,

DINNER FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER

When the Prime Minister showed her colleagues at the start of yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet the candlesticks which are being given to The Queen Mother when the Cabinet entertains her to dinner on Tuesday, 11 November, she invited them to contribute to the cost of the present.

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I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport and Chief Whip and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Whitmore.

The Private Secretary

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

24 October 1980

Dear Sir Martin,

Thank you for your letter of 17 October about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's dinner in honour of The Queen Mother on 11 November.

I have consulted the Prime Minister, and she sees no reason to try to keep the occasion confidential. She would therefore be quite happy for you to let it be known in response to any more Press enquiries you may get that The Queen Mother will be entertained to dinner by the Cabinet on 11 November; we will take the same line here in dealing with any approaches we receive from the Press.

The Prime Minister will be delighted to welcome you and the Dowager Viscountess Hambleden when Queen Elizabeth comes to No. 10. We should also be very happy to look after Her Majesty's Detective while the dinner is going on.

I will let you have the guest list and the seating plan nearer the time.

Finally, I will telephone you early next week about The Queen Mother's likes and dislikes, as you suggest.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Whitmore.

Lieutenant Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, KCVO MBE

JS

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

23 October 1980

I enclose the Prime Minister's cheque for £678.50 in payment of your account for the pair of 18th Century candlesticks which you submitted on 14 October.

The Prime Minister has asked me to say how delighted she is not only with the candlesticks themselves but also with the box and the engraved silver plate. She thinks that the candlesticks will make a beautiful present for the Cabinet to give to the Queen Mother when they entertain her to dinner next month. The Prime Minister has asked me to say how grateful she is to you for your help.

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I am the purchaser of the above at the stated price

Date .....

Signature .....

The Rt. Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher M.P.
10 Downing St.
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London, 14th Feb 1980

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CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

17th October 1980

Dear Mr Whitmore.

Having today received a delightful invitation to the Prime Minister's Dinner on 11th November, I feel we should perhaps go a little further into the arrangements. Perhaps it is easiest if I list my points:-

1) From your point of view, do you wish the whole affair to be confidential until the Dinner occurs or are you happy for it to be made known to the Press. We have had several enquiries as to whether there was to be such a Dinner and have been non-committal so far.

2) If it is acceptable to the Prime Minister, Queen Elizabeth will be attended on that evening by the Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and by me.

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Clive Whitmore, Esq.

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3) Much nearer the time, perhaps you would be good enough to let me have a list of the guests and the seating plan.

4) Finally, and with some diffidence I mention this, you might like to have a word on the telephone about any of Queen Elizabeth's likes or dislikes so as to avoid any difficulties on an evening to which The Queen Mother is so greatly looking forward.

Yours sincerely,
Martin Gilliat.

18 OCT 1980

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BK.

C.F.

Royal family

12 August 1980

Thank you for your letter of 11 August and for sending the rough sketch and lay-out for the silver gilt plate to be fitted to the box containing The Queen Mother's birthday present.

I have shown this to the Prime Minister and she is delighted with it. I must say it is beautifully done.

As requested I return the sketch and I am most grateful to you for all the help you have given in this matter.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

B.E. Norman, Esq.

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Miss Caroline Stephens
Personal Assistant to The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

11 August 1980

Dear Miss Stephens

I have very much pleasure in enclosing a rough sketch and lay-out for the silver gilt plate fitted to the box to contain the Old Sheffield gilt candlesticks. The oblique lines are there only to give the effect of shade, but would not be engraved on the plate, and I also think you would do better not to have the little squiggles to keep it nice and plain. If you are happy, I am certainly happy and we can go ahead with the work. Please do not forget to return the sketch.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

B E Norman
Partner
Harvey & Gore

Royal Family

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary 1. viii 80.

Dear Sir Martin,

As I promised when we spoke on the telephone yesterday, here are the candlesticks for you to have a look at. The engraved armorial on them is that of one of the daughters of King George III.

The Prime Minister would be very grateful if you could let us have a candid view on whether the Queen Mother would be likely to be pleased with them as the Cabinet's birthday present to her. If, for whatever reason, you have doubts, please don't hesitate to say so, and we will continue to search for something more suitable.

Yours ever,

Sir Martin Gilliat, KCVO, MSK. Clive Whitmore.

Sir Martin Gilliat said that these candlesticks would be acceptable. They were returned, and have now gone to Mrs. Healtine for cleaning, etc., + for presentation box. J. 7/8.

cc Mr. Whitmore
Mr. Ingham

PRIME MINISTER

Presentation of Loyal Address to The Queen Mother
Tuesday 5 August

1. The Queen Mother will be in a pastel shade though is not prepared to give us further information as to the colour.

2. You will have to wear a hat.

3. Would you be prepared to meet at the Speaker's House along with all the others at 1130?

4. The Queen Mother is happy to have a photograph call after the ceremony and I assume that you would be too?

CS

1 August 1980

Caroline

I spoke to the Prime Minister about this and she agrees to the proposed arrangements. Can you please let the Speaker's Office know

Ivor

Mr Speaker

Speaker's House Westminster London SW1A 0AA

1st August 1980

Dear Margaret,

It has been suggested to me that those taking part in the delegation to Clarence House on 5th August might welcome a memento of the occasion, in the form of a photograph taken before we set out.

If you would like this, I should be delighted if you would come to the State Rooms for a cup of coffee at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, when the necessary arrangements will be made.

We should need to leave for Clarence House not later than 11.50 a.m.

Yours ever,
George.

Speaker

Agreed this on the telephone.
el. 4/8.

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
10 Downing Street
London SW1

cc: Mr N Sanders
Mr M MacLean
Mr M Pownall
Mr M Townley

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

28 July 1980

Ltr to M Thatcher. Prime Minister. To see 30/vii

My dear Alastair.

Thank you for your letter of 16 July about the parliamentary arrangements for marking Queen Elizabeth's 80th birthday. On behalf of us all, may I say how delighted we are that Her Majesty will receive parties from both Houses to deliver Messages of congratulation to her at 12 noon on Tuesday 5 August.

The kind of ceremony we have in mind - if Queen Elizabeth is content with this - is a fairly simple one. For the House of Lords, the following will be in attendance:

The Lord Chancellor, the Rt Hon Lord Hailsham
The Leader of the House, the Rt Hon Lord Soames
The Leader of the Opposition, the Rt Hon Lord Peart
The Leader of the Liberal Party, the Rt Hon Lord Byers
The Most Rev The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury
The Convenor of the Cross Benchers, Baroness Hylton-Foster
The Chairman of Committees, the Rt Hon Lord Aberdare

For the House of Commons:

Mr Speaker, the Rt Hon George Thomas MP
The Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
The Home Secretary, the Rt Hon William Whitelaw MP
The Leader of the House, the Rt Hon Norman St John-Stevas MP
The Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Rt Hon Michael Foot MP
The Shadow Home Affairs Spokesman, the Rt Hon Merlyn Rees MP
The Leader of the Liberal Party, the Rt Hon David Steel MP
The Father of the House, John Parker Esq MP

The Lord Chancellor will deliver the Message from the House of Lords, accompanied by a short speech (about 3 minutes), and the Speaker will then deliver the Commons Message, accompanied by a speech of similar length. It may be that Queen Elizabeth would like to address a few words to the group in response, and after that I would think that the best arrangement might be for the gathering to break up for drinks. The group would probably then be able to leave at around 1 pm.

I have been giving some thought to press coverage, which I should have thought might be positive but discreet, if Queen Elizabeth agrees. It might be best if you would liaise on this direct with my Press Secretary, Liz Hall, who would be happy to put in hand any necessary arrangements (telephone number 233 3494).

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Finally, I should just say that although when I wrote to you on 10 July I said that the Motions would be taken in both Houses on 4 August, there has had to be a change as far as the Commons is concerned. This is because we have since learned that the Leader of the Opposition has an inescapable commitment in the United States during the week of 4 August, which is why, with the deepest regret, he is himself unable to attend the ceremony at Clarence House on 5 August. But by taking the Commons Motions on Thursday 31 July, it will be possible for him to speak then and express his own personal very good wishes. The Lords Motions however will be taken on 4 August as originally planned.

Yours ever,
M.

Captain Alastair Aird, CVO
Comptroller
Clarence House
SW1

Royal Family

I think that we should have to prepare the speech here. I rather doubt whether the Chancellor of the Duchy would produce something that was in your style.

1. MR. WHITMORE

2. PRIME MINISTER

11.VII NB: Drafts for the Loyal Address may be found in Questions

Loyal Address to The Queen Mother

It is proposed that the House should approve the Loyal Address to The Queen Mother on 4 August, which is of course her birthday. As you know, the Loyal Address is to be presented to The Queen Mother on the following day.

The procedure on these occasions is exemplified by the attached extract from Hansard for 20 November, 1972, when the Loyal Address on the occasion of The Queen's Silver Wedding was moved.

I think that it falls to you to make the first speech, followed by the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the Liberal Party. As in November, 1972, I suspect that the following speech might turn out to be by Mr. Willie Hamilton.

Who would you like to prepare some material for this speech? I should be very glad to ask Colin Peterson to put together some ideas; perhaps Clive might have a word with the Palace themselves; and I ~~suppose that we could invite the Chancellor of the Duchy of~~ Lancaster to put forward a draft.

Is there anyone else you would like to be brought in on what will in the end necessarily be a personal speech?

Todd to write?
- surely he should look recently (2-3 years ago) on the Royal Family. MS

11 July, 1980.

inquired into because they are disobeying the law on rents. Other people have disobeyed the law. I hope that the rule of law will apply to everyone, without exception. It is as well to remember that on this day—[HON. MEMBERS: "Too long."]

It seems to a lot of us that the way in which this day has been organised for the Queen lacks imagination.

Mr. Heffer: It has cost me £1 for a parking fee.

Mr. Hamilton: I believe that at this very moment there is a walk around the City, which in itself symbolises much that is wrong in our society and in the institution of Monarchy. I find it very hard to believe that this chore was the Queen's wish. The authorities should have let her choose how she wished to spend this day. As the Prime Minister said, this is uniquely a family event. My right hon. Friend referred to the evidence in front of the Select Committee, and how some of the members of that Committee were appalled by the workload that the Queen is asked to take on. Surely this day could have been an exception, when the family could have got together, could have discussed their relatively minor problems, being among their children, and could have had a nice, friendly chat, without going around among the City tycoons.

Perhaps the House will not misunderstand me if I conclude by expressing the hope that I shall be here when the diamond wedding anniversary celebrations take place. I hope that there will be considerable changes in the institution of the Monarchy and in the sycophancy of the House whenever an operation like this is undertaken by it.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved,

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, congratulating Her Majesty and His Royal Highnes the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding; expressing the deep gratitude of this House for their contribution to the affairs of the nation and for their unfailing example in public and family life; and conveying every good wish for their continued happiness.

Address to be presented by Privy Councillors or Members of Her Majesty's Household.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

COUNTER-INFLATION (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) BILL

[4th ALLOTTED DAY]

Order for Third Reading read.

Mr. Arthur Lewis (West Ham, North): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. We all appreciate that what has taken place over the last half an hour has been very important business, but we ourselves are not responsible for the fact that, even though the next business is also important, it has been guillotined. We have already lost half an hour. Is there any way whereby either you, Mr. Speaker, or the Government can replace the half an hour which we have lost? This is an important matter on which many hon. Members wish to speak.

Mr. Speaker: The answer is, "No".

Mr. J. Bruce-Gardyne (South Angus): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. It may be known to you that no copy of HANSARD of Tuesday evening's sitting, when we began our discussions on the Bill, is available anywhere in the Palace of Westminster. It is difficult, if not impossible, for the House to proceed with the Third Reading of the Bill when we have no means of checking the record of what was said last Tuesday evening when we were at the initial discussions on the Bill. I submit that it would be better if we could defer the Third Reading until such time as the official record of last Tuesday's debate is available for hon. Members.

Mr. Speaker: I received notice of the point which the hon. Member might seek to make. I understand that the Library is already looking into his complaint and may, indeed, now be able to help him. The debate today is restricted to what is in the Bill. We have the Bill before us.

4.3 p.m.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Anthony Barber): I beg to move, That the Bill be now read the Third time.

I do not believe that anything that has been said in the course of our debates on the Bill, whether on Tuesday evening or on any other day, has in any way thrown

HER MAJESTY'S SILVER WEDDING

3.38 p.m.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Edward Heath): I beg to move,

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, congratulating Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding; expressing the deep gratitude of this House for their contribution to the affairs of the nation and for their unfailing example in public and family life; and conveying every good wish for their continued happiness.

A silver wedding is above all an occasion for family congratulation and rejoicing. But the life of our Royal Family, maintained, as Sir Winston Churchill said on the occasion of the Silver Wedding of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, in the full glare of publicity which falls upon exalted personages, touches the hearts and imaginations of millions of people outside as well as within the Commonwealth of which the Queen is the head. The events which make up the chronicle of any family life, when they concern the Queen and her family, engage the interest and sympathy of all her peoples. All of us are in some measure partners in their griefs and joys.

This is, then, an occasion on which all of us in the House would wish to express not only our humble duty to the Queen but our affectionate congratulations to her and to her husband on achieving 25 years of happily married life.

When Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip were married in November, 1947, they had every right to hope and expect that it would be many years before they were called upon to take on the responsibilities which her accession to the Throne was bound to impose upon them both. In the event, the call to the Throne came suddenly, on a winter's morning in 1952, less than five years after their wedding. For more than 20 years of their married life, the Queen has carried the full burden of the duties of Monarchy and Prince Philip has not only helped the Queen to sustain that burden but has also made his own distinctive contribution to our national life.

The Queen and Prince Philip have not spared themselves in their public duties. They have altered the pattern of those duties to suit the changing circumstances

[THE PRIME MINISTER.]

of the time. There is less ceremonial but much more travel, not only in this country but throughout the Commonwealth, and there are many more opportunities for the Queen and Prince Philip to meet people informally. In addition, as I am sure the Leader of the Opposition will be able to confirm, the Queen deals with a wide range of submissions, papers and telegrams sent to her by her Ministers and takes the keenest and closest interest in the conduct of public affairs.

But the background to all this public service, a background without which, indeed, the public duties would be insupportable, is a happy family life with their four children. Those who were in the Abbey this morning and those who watched the service in their homes on television could see for themselves the radiant happiness of the Queen and her family which communicated itself to all of us present and to the whole nation watching.

In our generation, we have been able to share more fully than our predecessors in the private life of the Royal Family, thanks to radio and television. No one who saw the film shown on television a few years ago could doubt the secure basis of mutual affection, understanding and contentment on which that family life is founded.

The charm and the spirit which the Prince of Wales and Princess Anne already demonstrate to a wider world bear witness to the skill and success with which their parents have managed their upbringing, despite all the pressures of public duties upon them.

For 25 years, the Queen and Prince Philip have given themselves with unsparing devotion to the service of the Queen's peoples in this country and elsewhere in the Commonwealth. In this, they have been sustained by the love and the support of their family. I hope that they feel themselves to be rewarded by the admiration and affection in which they are held and which they have so richly earned. Their Silver Wedding provides an opportunity for that admiration and that affection to find expression.

I am sure that the House will be reflecting the feelings and the wishes of the whole country in conveying to the Queen and Prince Philip, by this Address, their congratulations on 25 years of happy married life and their good wishes for the future. I think that it would be appropriate, as well as in accordance with precedent, that this Address should be presented to the Queen by Privy Councillors representing all parties.

3.43 p.m.

Mr. Harold Wilson (Huyton): I should like, on behalf of the official Opposition, to support the Motion moved by the Prime Minister.

This morning, at the Abbey service to which the right hon. Gentleman referred, this House was represented by you, Mr. Speaker, by the Cabinet and by representatives of the official Opposition and the Liberal Party. At the marriage ceremony 25 years ago, the House was similarly represented. I think that there are very few of us here today who represented the House on this occasion.

Over those 25 years, we have seen the continuing development of closer relations between the Royal Family and the British people, the growing informality in their approaches to the problems of the British people and the identification of the Royal Family in worthy national and world causes and concerns—concerns which are non-controversial as between parties—[AN HON. MEMBER: "Like the Common Market."]—but which do gain greatly in their propagation by the support given by leading members of the Royal Family.

One thinks of the Duke of Edinburgh, for example, with his emphasis on environmental questions and problems. Indeed, I pick up the point that the Prime Minister made, about the active part that he and others have played in encouraging better organised business management, including, for example, the emphasis which some of the Royal Family have been able to lay on the quality of industrial design and on consensus relationships between the two sides of industry in the industrial conferences convened by His Royal Highness. These activities include also the problems of Wales, both before and since the investiture of the Prince of Wales.

The right hon. Gentleman referred to the hard work done by the Queen in the study of documents and telegrams. Some of this came out in the questioning and evidence before the recent Committee on the Civil List. The right hon.

Gentleman will know, as I knew, that an audience of Her Majesty, if the Prime Minister of the day has not fully done his homework and read all his telegrams, can cause a certain embarrassment for the Prime Minister, because he is facing competition.

As the right hon. Gentleman said, and as was said today in the ceremony in Guildhall, the country has had the benefit of seeing a happy Royal Family —indeed, by modern standards, a somewhat numerous Royal Family as a result of what we are celebrating today. As the Lord Mayor said in Guildhall:

> "Families throughout Britain have been able to identify with the unity and happiness of the Royal Family."

The nation is a family, and any statesman in this House over the years who has failed to recognise that has failed to recognise the problems that the nation is facing.

Also, as the right hon. Gentleman said —this also came out in the moving speeches that some of us heard at Guildhall and which will be reported, that others may read, by tomorrow—the Queen, in addition to being the Head of State in this country, is the Head of the Commonwealth. No Monarch has ever done as much as Her Majesty in relation to the Commonwealth and the identification of the Royal Family with the Commonwealth.

In an age when, of course, travel has become easier, when the world has become smaller, this has meant that she has been able to travel abroad, not as representing Britain to the countries of the Commonwealth but in her capacity as the Head of State of so many Commonwealth countries and as the Head of the Commonwealth for other Commonwealth countries which have abandoned the monarchical formula.

She has made a reality of the Commonwealth. In the days that we face ahead —again I take up a theme from the Lord Mayor today—it will be her duty as Head of the Commonwealth to assert the reality of the Commonwealth in days when there are so many who are beginning to doubt its value and discount its importance.

I would again like to associate the Opposition with the concluding words of the Motion, that all of us convey to Her Majesty, to the Duke of Edinburgh and to all the Royal Family our every good wish for their continued happiness.

3.49 p.m.

Mr. Jeremy Thorpe (Devon, North): The celebration of any wedding and its anniversaries on the part of any person in these islands is one of the very rare occasions when the world at large can share in the happiness of the main participants. Seldom can this be more so than in the case of the Queen and Prince Philip on the occasion of their Silver Wedding.

It is inevitable that any person in public life lives his marriage under the full glare of publicity, whether a Monarch, a Cabinet Minister, a leading politician or anyone else in public life. Therefore, their marriage, for better or worse, intimately becomes part of the national life.

It is patently clear that, in the present case, the Queen and the Duke have been granted perhaps the most precious gift that can be accorded to any man or woman—a blissfully happy marriage. Therefore, it is a very personal occasion. We are not only recognising that: we also rejoice in the fact that their children, who are wisely sheltered from publicity until they reach maturer years——

Mr. Thomas Swain (Derbyshire, North-East): And from poverty.

Mr. Thorpe: —each in time have dedicated themselves to the public service in a way which is matched only by the example of their parents.

In this country, constitutionally, the Monarch is the Head of State; but, in a more personal sense, the Royal Family are the permanent leaders of the nation. I believe that it is always dangerous to indulge in superlatives, but I very much doubt whether in the world there is any married couple who are more beloved than the Queen and the Duke.

Mr. Swain: Not in Clay Cross.

Mr. Thorpe: Therefore, today, as we congratulate them on their Silver Wedding Anniversary and wish them many further years of happy married life, the House will send a message not only of loyalty but one which I believe is also of deep affection.

3.51 p.m.

Mr. William Hamilton (Fife, West): Perhaps the House might not take it amiss if we heard a few minutes of the flip side of the rather tedious, sycophantic and predictable eulogies.—[HON. MEMBERS: "Reading."]—to which we have just listened—[HON. MEMBERS: "Sit down."]—from the leaders of the three parties in the House. It has not been laid on as thickly as it was in the other place last Thursday, and for that we can be grateful, I suppose. [HON. MEMBERS: "Reading."]

Mr. Eric S. Heffer (Liverpool, Walton): At least my hon. Friend can read.

Mr. Hamilton: My views on the Monarchy are very well known, and this is no time to repeat them. [HON. MEMBERS: "Hear, hear."] This tolerant House would howl me down if I did so. But I hope that the House will not doubt my sincerity when I extend to the Queen and her husband my own congratulations on this day and express the hope that they and all who are similarly celebrating their Silver Weddings today will enjoy many more years of happy married bliss.

Now I come to the gritty bit of what I have to say. There is little reflection in it on the Queen and Prince Philip. My first criticism is the sordid, greedy commercialisation of the event. The money-grubbing loyalists are busy cashing in on the irrational sentiments worked up on this unusual Royal occasion. One need quote just two or three examples. In the *Observer* yesterday, "By permission of Her Majesty's Government," we read about the production of a set of silver spoons.

Mr. Patrick Cormack (Cannock): What about your book?

Mr. Hamilton: That is not by permission of Her Majesty's Government. [An HON. MEMBER: "Money-grubber."] We are told that there will be

> "Ten magnificent solid sterling silver spoons of museum quality"—

whatever that means—

> "depicting the Queen's Beasts, ranging from the Unicorn of Scotland to the White Greyhound of Richmond, the White Horse of Hanover and the Black Bull of Clarence."

The price per set is £200. They are selling like hot cakes in West Fife.

All of us in the House have seen the advertisements for Annigoni's silver and gold plates. Only 2,000 of them are to be issued. The silver ones are £75 apiece; 100 only in gold will be £1,000 apiece. It would be very interesting to find out how many hon. Members have taken advantage of this unique offer, clearly a desire to cater for the masses.

We are a family, as my right hon. Friend the Leader of the Opposition said; but we are two different families. As *Private Eye* indicated, to prevent repeat orders Annigoni is to be assassinated immediately when the first consignment is sold. I give another example: a set of six Royal Family cameos, a "never before" issue, in gold and silver. If one buys them, there will be two free gifts for each client—a collector's cabinet containing a royal velvet plaque to hold the six cameos and a strut for the plaque so that one can stand it on the mantelpiece. They are going for a song. They are £14 each in silver and £120 each in gold; that is, £84 for the set in silver and £720 a set for the gold. Easy payments are provided for. Even credit cards may be used to purchase these unique cameos. [HON. MEMBERS: "Sit down."] No.

There is not much that the Palace can do about these things. But for the powers that be, the Palace might have stipulated that the profit from such undertakings might be donated to some charity, for instance, to the thalidomide children. If we are a family of compassion, this might have been a very imaginative gesture, not only from the Palace but from the people who are making these colossal profits on this occasion.

Is it so wise, I wonder, to celebrate the event by giving our schoolchildren a day's holiday by a simple wave of the Royal hand? This point is covered by Jill Tweedie in *The Guardian* this morning. The children themselves might be out in the cold wet streets, with their working mothers wondering what they are up to.

Mr. Cormack: What about ASLEF on Thursday?

Mr. Heffer: What about ASLEF on Thursday, then?

Mr. Hamilton: The answer to that is very simple. On this very day, four local authorities in Scotland are being

Royal Family PA MS

EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER

The Prime Minister

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty on the eightieth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, and to assure Her Majesty of the great pleasure felt by this House on so joyful an occasion.

That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

That a Message be sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to offer the cordial congratulations of this House on Her Majesty's eightieth birthday and to express its warmest desire for her long continuing health and happiness.

That

do wait upon Her Majesty with the said Message.

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With

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Government Chief Whip

12 Downing Street, London SW1

21 July 1980

HUMBLE ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN MOTHER

As you know, there has been some slight confusion over where we stand on the arrangements for the presentation of an humble address to Her Majesty the Queen Mother. We spoke on the telephone on 18 July and I undertook to pursue this with the Speaker's office and Mr Callaghan's office.

The difficulty with the dates which have been proposed, ie 4/5 August, is that both the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader have long-standing engagements on those days - Mr Callaghan will be in the United States and Mr Foot in Ebbw Vale - and would, therefore, be unable to be present. The difficulty with other dates, I have learned in confidence from Sir Noel Short, is that the Queen Mother is likely to be out of London from 23 July to 3 August. Mr Callaghan asked to talk to me personally about this and he expressed some concern over the situation which has arisen. As you know, when the Speaker wrote to him and to the others concerned, he indicated that there had been discussions on this subject through the usual channels and that the dates proposed had been agreed by all concerned. As you are aware, there have in fact been no discussions on this through the usual channels.

When Mr Callaghan received the Speaker's letter, he told the Speaker that the 4 and 5 August were not convenient for him or Mr Foot and the Speaker immediately undertook to bring the date forward to 1 August so that Mr Callaghan and Mr Foot would be able to be there. Sir Noel Short tells me that he himself has taken no further action on this since Mr Speaker's original letter. Given the information we now have about the Queen Mother's engagements it is difficult to see what in fact could be done.

Mr Callaghan is clearly concerned since following his discussion with the Speaker he has confirmed the engagements which he was proposing to undertake in the United States and has now taken on additional ones. It would

be extremely difficult to cancel them at this late stage. Mr Foot will be participating at a major rally in Ebbw Vale which was arranged some time ago and it is felt that his absence for the purposes of presenting an Address at Clarence House would not be understood. Mr Callaghan said that in the circumstances, he wondered whether it was right to proceed with the presentation of an humble address in the manner proposed since it was now too late for him or for Mr Foot to alter the arrangements which they had entered into.

I told him that it seemed to me that there were four possible options:-

(i) not to proceed with the humble address at all,

(ii) for the House to move the humble address and for this to be presented to the Queen Mother by the Vice-Chamberlain,

(iii) to investigate with Clarence House whether in the circumstances, the Queen Mother would be prepared to come back to London on 1 August to receive the humble address, and

(iv) to proceed with the existing arrangements and have Mr Callaghan nominate one or two people to represent the official Opposition.

Mr Callaghan said that if there were real difficulties the Prime Minister might wish to discuss the matter with him. I think that (iv) will not commend itself to him.

This is not essentially for me and I am in no way seeking to intervene, but there have been one or two misunderstandings recently with the official Opposition which have not helped us.

I think it would be helpful if you, Nick Sanders (to whom I am sending a copy of this letter) and myself were to have an early word about this.

(M MACLEAN)

Miss P Laidlaw
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PRIME MINISTER

As you know, Michael Heseltine's wife is trying to find a present to be given to the Queen Mother from the Cabinet. She wonders whether she can come in before the Members' Cocktail party to have a word with you this coming Monday, 21 July and I have asked her to arrive at 1820 hrs.

Agree?

CAROLINE STEPHENS

18 July, 1980

cc: Mr M Pownall
Mr N Sanders

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

10 July 1980

Dear Alastair

I am writing on behalf of both Houses of Parliament formally to ask Her Majesty to accept delegations of representatives of the Lords and the Commons who wish to deliver Messages of Congratulations on the occasion of Her Majesty's eightieth birthday.

I understand that it is Her Majesty's wish to receive such a delegation at Clarence House, and I am hoping that, following motions in both Houses on 4 August, it will be possible to deliver them around midday on 5 August. I should be very grateful if you would let me know if this is acceptable to Her Majesty.

Yours ever

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Captain Alastair Aird CVO
Clarence House

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With (QM's birthday file)

The Private Secretary's

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NOTE FOR RECORD

Silver Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip on Monday, 20th November 1972

Following the precedent of the Silver Wedding Anniversary of George VI in April 1948 it was agreed by the Government and the Opposition that the House of Commons should mark the occasion by an Address to The Queen and Prince Philip.

The Motion appeared in the Prime Minister's name and was tabled on 14th November 1972

The Business Statement of 16th November announced that at the beginning of Business on Monday, 20th November the Prime Minister proposed to move for an Address of Congratulations.

The Prime Minister (Mr Edward Heath) moved the Motion at 3.38 pm and short speeches followed by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Harold Wilson) an the Leader of the Liberals (Mr Jeremy Thorpe)

The Message was presented to Her Majesty in Council on Thursday, 23rd November by the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Wilson, Mr Jeremy Thorpe and from the House of Lords, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Privy Seal, Lord Shackleton, Lord Byers and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Message was reported back to the House at 2.30 pm on the same day.

NOTE: There was also a Service in Westminster Abbey at 11.00 am on Monday, 20th November 1972

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MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 1972

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

3 Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Her Majesty's Wedding,—*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, congratulating Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding; expressing the deep gratitude of this House for their contribution to the affairs of the nation and for their unfailing example in public and family life; and conveying every good wish for their continued happiness.—(*The Prime Minister.*)

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty's Household.

11 JUL 1980

Royal Fam

Neil PA MS
Yes on x/letter
MS
qui

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CLIVE MS.

Tom McCaffrey rang to say that Mr Callaghan was not yet quite ready to put forward names for EEC Commissioners. Later this week or possibly next week.

MS

8/7

CLIVE to/d RB MS 9/7

Context for the CDL, and not the PM, to correspond with Clarence House about the Loyal Address?

MS 8/7

file.

9 July 1980

You asked me whether we were content that the Chancellor of the Duchy should make the formal approach to The Queen Mother about the presentation of the Loyal Address on 5 August. We are.

N. J. SANDERS

R.A. Birch, Esq.,
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 July 1980

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to Clive Whitmore of 4 July about arrangements for the Loyal Address to mark The Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

The Prime Minister is content in principle with these arrangements, but does not think that there should be two representatives from the Liberal Party in the group.

I am copying this letter to Michael Pownal (Government Whips' Office, H/L).

N. J. SANDERS

Miss Petra Laidlaw
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office.

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7th July 1980

Dear Clive,

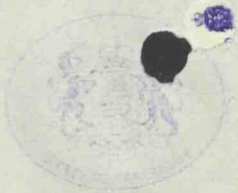
This is simply to confirm, in response to your letter to John Halliday of 27th June, that my Secretary of State and Mrs Pym will be delighted to attend the dinner the Prime Minister is giving in honour of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother on 11th November; and Mr Pym looks forward to contributing towards her birthday present.

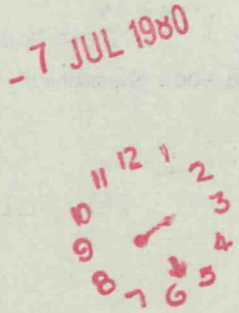
I am sending a copy of this letter to David Wright at the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever,
Brian

(B M NORBURY)

C A Whitmore Esq

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cc Mr Whitmore

PRIME MINISTER

Are you content in principle?

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

CAROLINE

4 July 1980

To note the date - a new engagement

MS

7/7

Yes - but not too far ahead. Perhaps not

Dear Clive

You wrote on 31 March to John Stevens to let the Chancellor of the Duchy know of the Prime Minister's agreement to proposals to mark The Queen Mother's eightieth birthday with a Loyal Address in Parliament.

I am now writing to let you know the detailed plans which are proposed, and should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister is content with them. These plans have been drawn up in close consultation with Michael Pownall in the Leader of the House of Lords' Office, with Mr Speaker's Office, and with the Clerks of both Houses. I have also made informal soundings of Clarence House.

It is suggested that motions be moved in each House on Monday 4 August (Her Majesty's birthday) proposing that a Humble Address should be presented to Her Majesty The Queen, and a Message of Congratulation to Her Majesty The Queen Mother. Each House, I should add, would draw up a separate Address and Message. In each case, the motions would be moved by the Leader of the House concerned, and certainly as regards the House of Commons the intention would be to keep debate as short as possible in order to minimise friction from the anti-monarchists in the House.

On the following day, 5 August, at around midday, delegations from both Houses would travel to Clarence House to deliver together the Messages of Congratulations to The Queen Mother. It is suggested that the Lord Chancellor and Mr Speaker should each perform the actual presentation, no doubt accompanying this with a short speech.

The remaining composition of the parties is to be decided, but the following lists are suggested for the Prime Minister's consideration:

From the House of Lords:-

Leader of the House
Leader of the Opposition
Leader of the Liberal Party
Convenor of the Cross-Benchers
Archbishop of Canterbury.

Contd...

From the House of Commons:

Prime Minister
Home Secretary
Leader of the House
Leader of the Opposition
Shadow Leader of the House
Leader of the Liberal Party
Two or three representatives of the minority parties
(possibly) the Father of the House.

The representatives of the minority parties, it is suggested, should be nominated after consultations through the usual channels; Cyril Smith is perhaps an obvious candidate.

Why? - because he MS has been prominent in the general preparations for the birthday

No - that would make 2 from Lib Dem Conf.

On first soundings, the feeling of the Clarence House is that, after the presentations and brief speeches, the occasion should be an informal one with members of the two delegations being offered drinks - in a similar vein to what is laid on following meetings of the Privy Council.

I am copying this to Michael Pownal.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Laidlaw

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Mrs Parkes file.
To note, esp X/.
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From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO

30 June 1980

Dear Clive,

Thank you very much for your letter about the Cabinet's dinner for The Queen Mother. Serena and I are very grateful to the Prime Minister for including us in her invitation, and we accept with pleasure.

X I should also like, please, to be included in the contribution to the present.

Yours ever

Robert

CA Whitmore Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

27 June 1980

Dear John,

The Prime Minister has been thinking about the way in which the Cabinet might recognise The Queen Mother's 80th birthday on 4 August.

After discussion with Clarence House, the Prime Minister has invited The Queen Mother to dine at No. 10 with all members of the Cabinet and their wives. Her Majesty has accepted this invitation with much pleasure and the dinner has been arranged for Tuesday, 11 November. A birthday present will be given to The Queen Mother during the course of the evening, and we are in the process of searching for a silver bowl which will be appropriately engraved.

The Prime Minister hopes that it will be possible for all members of the Cabinet to be present on 11 November. I will be in touch with you again later about the detailed arrangements and will let you know also the amount of your Minister's contribution towards the cost of the present.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to all other members of the Cabinet, to the Minister of Transport and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,

Clive Whitmore.

cc Miss Stephens
Mr. Taylor
Mrs. Goodchild

John Halliday, Esq.,
Home Office.

CVP. 27/6.

MR. PETERSON
MR. WHITMORE

Birthday Present for The Queen Mother

McCarthy's were delighted to be asked if they could find a silver bowl for The Queen Mother and are desolate that they have not yet been able to produce something acceptable.

We thought we would give them until the end of this month, and I think that the time has now come to consider commissioning a piece of silver.

The Goldsmiths' Hall Curator told me that £500 would produce a bowl of about the size of a dessert place. If all the members of the Cabinet, plus the Minister of Transport, (23) contributed £30 each, that would give us £690. The engraving will be fairly costly. I understand that, from the time that a design is accepted, it would take about six weeks to make a bowl. Additional time would be needed for the engraving. We ought, therefore, to allow three months for the whole operation.

I attach samples of work by some of our modern silversmiths - all recommended by Goldsmiths' Hall. The pieces in these photographs would of course cost much more than £500.

I believe that Stuart Devlin's work is very popular with the Royal Family at present. Gerald Benney is not now as much in favour as he used to be. I don't think, however, that a commission of this kind would excite Stuart Devlin. It would probably be one of many Royal orders and he would no doubt delegate the work to an assistant - and he would be expensive.

An older silversmith recently came to our notice through the Artists' General Benevolent Institution as a candidate for

a Civil List Pension. He is Leslie Durbin, aged 67. His income proved to be too high, however. He is highly regarded by Goldsmiths' Hall, who told me that he is a super person. He was awarded the M.V.O. in 1943 and, on page 7 of the brochure attached, there is a photograph of the engagement card holder which he made for the Royal Family to give to The Queen at the time of her Coronation. The coffee pot on page 16 is, I think, very elegant.

Some of his work, and that of the other silversmiths, is over-elaborate but in most cases that is because those commissioning it wanted it that way. If we ask for a bowl, with simple but elegant lines, that is how it would, presumably, be designed.

Would you now like to put this to the Prime Minister?

27 June 1980

P.S. If you felt that we needed further advice on these silversmiths, we could consult the Design Council (the Chairman is Viscount Caldecote and the Director is Mr. Keith Grant) - either direct of through the Department of Industry which sponsors it.

Mr. Whitmore

The CSD have agreed to pay for the dinner for The Queen Mother. This was, in fact, cleared with Sir Ian Bancroft.

J.
26/6.

MR. WHITMORE

Dinner party for The Queen Mother

Mr. Baker, the C.S.D. Finance Officer, spoke to me today about this. He felt unable to give a decision himself about who should pay for this, and will talk to Mr. Towers about it. He will be in touch with me again in a day or two but, in the meantime, you could I suppose hear directly from Mr. Towers.

23 June 1980

MR. WHITMORE

I attach a draft of a possible letter to Private Secretaries about the dinner, etc., for The Queen Mother. Presumably Sir Robert Armstrong is not included.

I suggest that, after it goes out, Sue Goodchild clears with the C.S.D. in the normal way whether they will agree to meet the cost of the party. Unless you would like me to have a word with Mr. Baker before the letter goes to Private Secretaries - in case the Cabinet has to foot the bill for dinner and the present.

19 June 1980

DRAFT letter from Mr. Whitmore to Private Secretaries
to all members of the Cabinet and the Minister of Transport.

The Prime Minister has been thinking about the way in which the Cabinet might recognise The Queen Mother's 80th birthday on 4 August.

After discussion with Clarence House, the Prime Minister has invited The Queen Mother to dine at No.10 with all members of the Cabinet and their wives. Her Majesty has accepted this invitation with much pleasure and the dinner has been arranged for Tuesday, 11 November. ~~[illegible]~~ A birthday present will be given to The Queen Mother during the course of the evening, and we are in the process of searching for a silver bowl which will be appropriately engraved.

The Prime Minister hopes that it will be possible for all members of the Cabinet to be present on 11 November. I will be in touch with you again later about the detailed arrangements and will let you know, also, the amount of your Minister's contribution towards the cost of the present.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to all other members of the Cabinet ~~to~~ to the Minister of Transport and to ~~David Wright (Cabinet Office)~~ for their information.

John Halliday, Esq.

Internal copies to: Miss Stephens
Mr Taylor
Mrs Goodchild

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C.F.

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

9 June, 1980

Dear Mr. Foster,

Thank you for your letter of 3 June, enclosing one from a constituent, Miss Eileen Simpson of 3 Laurel Park, Duddon, Tarporley, Cheshire.

I am sure that there will be very many celebrations to mark the Queen Mother's birthday in different parts of the country, and I very much hope that it will be possible in many instances to mark in those celebrations the birthdays of those who also reach the age of 80 on 4 August. This seems to me to be an excellent idea, well worthy of attention.

I should be grateful if you could pass on to Miss Simpson my own congratulations and best wishes. I hope that she will have a very enjoyable birthday.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Derek Foster, Esq., M.P.

FILE

RH

9 June, 1980

Thank you for your letter of 6 June about the celebration of The Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

We have now settled on Tuesday, 11 November as the date for the Cabinet dinner for The Queen Mother. Could I ask you to have in mind, however, that we have <u>not</u> yet told members of the Cabinet what is planned.

Brigadier Sir Noel Short, MBE MC

Mr Speaker

Speaker's Office House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

6th June 1980

My dear Clive,

We spoke a few weeks ago about the dinner being given by the Prime Minister to celebrate the 80th birthday of the Queen Mother. I understood you to say that it was likely to be in November, and would be mainly for members of the Cabinet, with wives.

As I said, we are planning a similar function in Speaker's House, on an all-party basis, and without spouses. In order that we can co-ordinate our plans, is it possible for you to let me know at this stage the date of the PM's dinner?

Yours ever.

Noel

Clive Whitmore Esq
10 Downing Street
London SW1.

- 9 JUN 1980

From: Derek Foster MP

CcIG

3.6.80

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Prime Minister,

I enclose a letter from Miss Simpson which suggests a rather attractive idea. It may prove too difficult and expensive but I think it is worthy of your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Derek Foster.

3, Laurel Park,
Duddon,
Tarporley,
Cheshire
CW6 0EW

Dear Mr Foster,

Please forgive me for troubling you with a comparatively unimportant matter in these days of national and international crises!

My mother, Mrs. Richard Robinson Simpson (née Jane Ann Dowson) is one of your constituents, residing at the home for the elderly and handicapped at Stoneleigh, Galgate, Barnard Castle. She is one of those who, like our Queen Mother, celebrate their eightieth birthdays on 4 August this year. We will be having a family celebration on that day, and I know that

the Home will also do their best to ensure that the day is a memorable one for my mother. I wonder, though, if it would be possible to engineer some official recognition for her and other ladies with the same eightieth birthday - something similar to the royal telegrams centenarians receive. There may already be some plans for this, but, if not, to whom should the suggestion be made, and can you help at all?

Yours sincerely,

Eileen Simpson

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

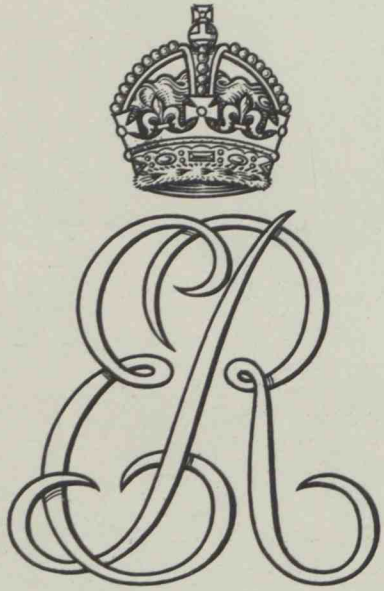
19th May 1980

Dear Clive Whitmore.

As we agreed when we spoke on the telephone on Friday, I am sending you herewith an example of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's cypher which the Prime Minister may wish to have engraved on the present which she has in mind to give Her Majesty from the members of the Cabinet on the occasion of The Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

Yours sincerely,
Martin Gilliat.

Clive Whitmore, Esq.



MISS PORTER

THE QUEEN MOTHER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

I have now had a word with Sir Martin Gilliat about the Prime Minister's wish that the Cabinet should give The Queen Mother a present when she comes here to dine with the Cabinet on 11 November. I told him that the Prime Minister had it in mind that the gift might take the form of a piece of silver and that the value would be of the order of £350. I asked him whether there was any guidance he could give us on what The Queen Mother's wishes might be about the nature of the present.

He said that he thought she would very much welcome something ornamental like a small bowl or a small figure which would serve as a centre-piece for a small dining table when perhaps 8-10 people might be present. He also thought that The Queen Mother would like it if there was a small inscription (eg "Presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by the Cabinet on the occasion of her 80th Birthday" followed by the date) and if her insignia appeared on the piece of silver (he is going to let me have a copy of the insignia).

I will now mention this to the Prime Minister to see whether she is happy for us to try and find a piece of silver of the kind which The Queen Mother would apparently like. When I have done that I will write round to members of the Cabinet to let them know what we are up to and to warn them that they will be expected to cough up about £15 each.

AJW.

16 May 1980

B/F 10-11-80 a Sue Goodchild

2 May 1980

Thank you for your letter of 25 April.

I am glad that we have been able to find a convenient date for Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to dine at 10 Downing Street. The Prime Minister looks forward to welcoming her here at No. 10 on Tuesday, 11 November.

C. A. WHITMORE

Lieutenant Colonel
Sir Martin Gilliat, KCVO MBE

MR. WHITMORE

Sir Martin Gilliat had a word with The Queen Mother about the date of her dinner (11 November) and she is not happy about changing it. She feels that as far as the public is concerned, Remembrance Sunday is the day that they associate with Armistice Day. I attach a letter for you to send to Sir Martin confirming that we are happy about the 11th.

Do you think that you had better check that the Prime Minister is happy before signing?

C.S.

1 May 1980

Royal Family

NOTE:

Spoken to Mr. Whitmore.

He will consult Sir Martin Gilliat about this - i.e., whether The Queen Mother would like any particular piece of silver. After that has been settled, he (Mr. Whitmore) will write to the Private Secretaries to all members of the Cabinet telling them what is proposed, and letting them know what the cost per head is likely to be.

1 May 1980

NO

Mr. Whitmore to see

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

25th April 1980

Dear Mr Whitmore.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother has had an opportunity of considering the dates which have been suggested for Her Majesty to dine at 10 Downing Street, and of the various possibilities, Tuesday, 11th November would be best from Queen Elizabeth's point of view.

I have been asked by Her Majesty if you would tell the Prime Minister how sincerely grateful The Queen Mother is to her for the lovely prospect of dining in the autumn.

Yours sincerely.
Martin Gilliat.

(1) seen by PM.
(2) Pass to Mr Goodall.

C. Whitmore, Esq.

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

Mrs. Parker.

The Prime Minister's answer to the question opposite is 'yes'.

Could we have a word.

MR. WHITMORE

1. Prime Minister.

I mentioned this to you earlier today.

Do you like the idea of the Cabinet giving The Queen Mother a present at the dinner for her?

If so, are you in favour of a piece of silver? I suggest that we might think of spending £350 - which would work out at about £15 a head.

Queen Mother's 80th Birthday

23 April 1980

You thought that the Prime Minister might like to put to the Cabinet the idea of giving The Queen Mother a birthday present, to be presented perhaps at their dinner party for her.

You may be interested to know about recent Royal presents given by previous Cabinets.

Mr. Heath's Cabinet gave four silver wine coasters to The Queen and Prince Philip on the occasion of their Silver Wedding in 1972. These were designed and made by Gerald Benney and cost £554 - involving a contribution of £30 from each member of the Cabinet.

For the Silver Jubilee in 1977, the Cabinet (after much consultation with the Deputy Master of the Household, Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson) presented The Queen with a Victorian silver coffee pot, engraved. This came from Mappin and Webb and cost £321.50, which meant a contribution of £13.41 from each. It was presented to The Queen at a pre-lunch drinks party at the Palace to which all members of the Cabinet were invited.

23 April 1980

Costume. Royal Family

Thank you.

MR. WHITMORE

I spoke to Sir Martin Gilliat's office, and offered them the following dates for a dinner in honour of The Queen Mother's 80th Birthday:

29/30 October

3/11/12 November

They will come back to us as soon as possible.

24 April, 1980.

Royal Family

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG
01-233 3000

22 April 1980

J Stevens Esq
Private Secretary to the
Chancellor of the Duchy of
Lancaster

Dear John,

... The Chancellor has received the attached letter from Brian Court-Mappin suggesting that, as part of the celebration of the Queen Mother's 80th birthday, Queen Elizabeth should be invited into the Chamber of the Commons to receive an accolade Address.

The Chancellor has no recollection of Mr Court-Mappin and, given the nature of the suggestion, wonders whether it might not be better for Mr St John-Stevas to reply.

I am copying this letter to Nick Sanders.

Yours,
Richard.

R I TOLKIEN
Private Secretary

3 Hamilton Square
Southwark SE1

The Rt. Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, Q.C., M.P.,
61 Fentiman Road,
London. S.W.8.

18th April 1980

Dear Sir Geoffrey,

On top of all your immense duties and responsibilities I am a little hesitant to add yet another layer, and only do so because I know you will be interested.

The subject I wish to place before you is the Queen Mother's 80th birthday and the feasibility of Parliament itself bestowing an accolade Address by actually inviting Her Majesty into the Chamber of the Commons to receive it. This would, of course be an unprecedented venture, but in no way unconstitutional, because Queen Elizabeth being Queen Consort of George VI is not forbidden entry to the Chamber.

I feel Queen Elizabeth is a very exceptional person, and for Her Majesty's Government to express so unique a gesture would be a fitting act, and moreover produce something of the spirit we experienced during The Queen's Silver Jubilee. I have written to John Biggs-Davison and he has placed the idea before the 1922 Committee who were most interested.

I still recall with great pleasure you attending the dedication service in Southwark Cathedral of The Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Cross in 1977.

So do I.
— but I do not know him, save as an occasional correspondent.
? Pass to Tom who to answer

With best wishes & regards.

Yours very truly,

Brian Court-Mappin.

Brian Court-Mappin

22 APR 1980

CS to See

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

22 April 1980

Thank you for your letter of 8 April conveying The Queen's invitation to the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher to attend the evening Reception which Her Majesty is giving on Thursday 3 July at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in honour of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher would very much like to attend the private dinner at Holyroodhouse and the subsequent Reception, but I am afraid that because of Prime Minister's Questions in the House that afternoon it will not be possible for them to arrive in time for the musical tribute at 1800 hours. The Prime Minister hopes that The Queen will agree that she may miss the musical tribute.

Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher will be staying the night at Bute House with the Secretary of State for Scotland and Mrs. Younger.

C. A. WHITMORE

The Right Honourable Sir Philip Moore,
KCB KCVO CMG.

CLIVE

Re: Holyrood

Even if the Prime Minister could leave the House immediately after Questions I do not think she could be at Holyrood in time for the Musical Tribute.

The flying time from Northolt to Turnhouse is 1 hour 20 minutes and we would need to allow 1½ hours for the drives to and from the airports.

Would you like me to draft you a letter to Sir Philip Moore expressing the Prime Minister's thanks for The Queen's kind invitation, explaining about the Musical Tribute and accepting the dinner and the reception?

C.S.

Release

9 April 1980

cf. Tribute to P.M. from Chr. mtg. C.S. 21/4.

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WINDSOR CASTLE

8th April, 1980.

Dear Clive.

I am writing to confirm that The Queen would be delighted if the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher could come for the evening Reception which Her Majesty is giving in honour of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's 80th birthday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse on Thursday 3rd July 1980.

The programme for the evening is as follows:-

6.00 p.m.	Musical Tribute by the Bands of the Regiments of Scotland in Holyrood Park.
8.15 p.m.	Private dinner at Holyroodhouse.
9.30 p.m.	Evening Reception in Holyroodhouse.

The Queen thought that the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher might like to arrive in time for the Musical Tribute and she would be very glad if they could come to the private dinner before the Reception.

I explained on the telephone that since several other members of the Royal Family would be staying at Holyrood for the celebration of Queen Elizabeth's birthday, there would unfortunately not be room for the Prime Minister and Mr. Thatcher to stay the night, but you said that this would present no problem.

Yours ever,

Philip Moore

C. Whitmore, Esq.

9 APR 1980

RD

cc DES
Royal Family

2 April 1980

Dear Cyril,

I am sorry not to have replied before now to your letter suggesting that the Queen Mother's birthday should be marked by a school holiday and a Commemorative Stamp.

On the first suggestion, we have concluded that it would be best to leave local education authorities to make their own decisions: the dates of school summer holidays are so varied that it would be difficult to lay down a national pattern. I am sure you will be glad to know, however, that the Post Office has now announced that it will indeed be issuing a Commemorative Stamp on the Queen Mother's birthday. I am very glad that it has been possible to do this.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher

Cyril Smith, Esq MBE MP

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MR. WHITMORE

Cyril Smith wrote to us a little while ago suggesting that The Queen Mother's birthday might be marked by a school holiday and a commemorative stamp. There have been lengthy negotiations with the Post Office, which are now reaching what I hope will be a successful conclusion.

As far as the school holiday is concerned, DES advice is that all schools will be closed on 4 August - The Queen Mother's birthday - and all schools in Scotland and some schools in England and Wales will be closed on 15 July, the day of the National Thanksgiving Service. However, Mr. Carlisle would be willing to approach the Palace to ascertain The Queen's wishes about a school holiday if we asked him to do so.

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Nick. MS

I have spoken to the Prime Minister about this.

She welcomes the news about the stamp but she remains opposed to the idea of a school holiday which, she feels, would be going further than the occasion warrants. Can you please let the DES know. We shall also have to tell Cyril Smith.

KBL 31 iii

26 March 1980

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AT

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

26 March 1980

This seems an excellent solution pro.

Dear Clive

The Chancellor of the Duchy has asked me to send you a copy of a letter which he has received from the Private Secretary to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother regarding the possibility of Her Majesty receiving a loyal address from the Government on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

The Chancellor asked me to point out particularly that it is very likely that the House will in fact be sitting on 4 August.

I am copying this to Murdo MacLean (No 12).

Yours ever
John Stevens

J W STEVENS
Principal Private Secretary

C A Whitmore Esq
Principal Private Secretary
to the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Prime Minister

I have discussed this with Sir Philip Moore who tells me that the Queen would be very happy for Queen Elizabeth to receive a loyal Address (which would incidentally be from Parliament - not from the Government) but that they both feel strongly that it should be a modest ceremony and not anything on a grand scale at Westminster. Are you content for Mr St. John Stevens to pursue this idea, notwithstanding your earlier reservations?

AGH 27/3

CLARENCE HOUSE
S.W.1

24th March 1980

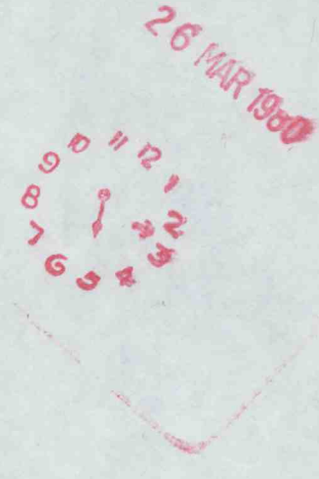
Dear Norman,

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother has given further thought to your enquiry in regard to the possibility of Her Majesty receiving a Loyal Address from the Government on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Queen Elizabeth is most appreciative of this very kind thought and if it should be the wish of the Government The Queen Mother would be immensely touched to receive a form of Loyal Address to mark the anniversary.

If this were to come about, Queen Elizabeth does not feel it would be appropriate for the little ceremony to take place at the Palace of Westminster but would very much prefer that it should be at Clarence House. Equally, as Parliament will presumably not be sitting on 4th August, it would probably be best for the event to be held a few days before the date of Her Majesty's birthday.

The Right Hon. Norman St. John Stevas, M.P.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20 March 1980

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 18 March about the Queen Mother's birthday. The Prime Minister hopes to reply to you very shortly.

N J SANDERS

Cyril Smith, Esq., M.B.E., M.P.

VLS

FROM : CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A OAA

PPS

March 18,1980

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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

May I draw your attention to my letter of February 25, asking if it would be possible for the schoolchildren to have a day's holiday for the Queen Mother's Birthday.

I would be glad if I could have a reply to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP

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Any sign of the DOI contribution?
MS

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ELIZABETH HOUSE,
YORK ROAD,
LONDON SE1 7PH
01-928 9222

Nicholas Sanders Esq
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

6 March 1980

Dear Nick,

In your letter of 27 February you asked for urgent advice on Mr Cyril Smith's suggestion that school children be given a holiday to celebrate the Queen Mother's birthday.

The birthday falls on 4 August, when all school children will be on holiday. However, most schools in England and Wales would still be open on 15 July, the day of the National Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's and, given that there is to be a carriage procession, this might be regarded as an appropriate alternative date. I have, however, established that all schools in Scotland would by then have closed, although those in the Edinburgh area would still be open on 2 and 3 July, when the Queen Mother is at Holyrood House.

There has been no approach from the Palace requesting a school holiday, but there are precedents for an approach to the Palace to ascertain the Queen's wishes. This was done, for example, on the occasion of the Queen's Silver Wedding. If the Prime Minister wished, the Secretary of State would be prepared to make the approach, having first ascertained from the Secretary of State for Scotland whether he wished to join him.

In the meantime, you might include the following in the reply to Mr Smith:

> "You suggest a holiday for school children to celebrate the Queen Mother's birthday. Schools will already be on holiday on 4 August, the birthday itself, although some alternative date might be found that was suitable. This could only be done, however, at the request of the Queen."

Yours sincerely

Peter

P A SHAW
Private Secretary

26 MAR 1980

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Royal Family BK

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

B/F 5.3.80

27 February 1980

I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Cyril Smith, M.P., about the Queen Mother's 80th birthday. I also attach for your information copies of the earlier exchange of correspondence between Cyril Smith and the Prime Minister on this subject.

I should be grateful to have urgent advice on the question of an extra day's holiday for school children, about which we had a word on the telephone a little while ago.

I should also be grateful to have a contribution from the Department of Industry on the suggestion of a commemorative stamp for the event.

May we please have very short paragraphs for the Prime Minister to incorporate in a reply to Mr. Smith on these two points, to reach us here by Wednesday 5 March. Press interest in this letter means that we shall have to send a reply speedily.

I am copying this letter and Cyril Smith's letter of 25 February for information to Ian Fair (Department of Employment), Richard Tolkien (HM Treasury) and Tony Butler (Home Office).

N. J. SANDERS

Peter Shaw, Esq.,
Department of Education and Science

10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER

This letter from Cyril Smith, which has already been publicised, follows up your correspondence about the Queen Mother's birthday. We will let you have a further draft reply on the specific points on school holiday (unworkable, because too late in the term) and a commemorative stamp (too late to make the arrangements).

NJS

27 February 1980

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27 February 1980

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 25 February, which was received here today, about the Queen Mother's 80th birthday. I will of course place your letter before the Prime Minister at once and you will be sent a reply as soon as possible.

N. J. SANDERS

Cyril Smith, Esq., M.B.E., M.P.

FROM : CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP

cc IG
Press Office

Queen Mother's 80th birthday

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SWIA OAA

February 25,1980

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 22 February.

Whilst I am delighted to read the list of proposed events, I am naturally sorry that you seem unable, or unwilling, to agree to some kind of National holiday.

Would it not be possible to at least agree an extra days holiday for the school children? I am sure that such a childrens holiday requires a National lead.

May I also suggest to you that a Commemorative Stamp might be specially issued for the event.

I await your reply to these two points.

Yours sincerely,

CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP

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cc: D/M
HMT
HO

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

22 February 1980

Dear Cyril,

Thank you for your letter of 12 February about the celebrations for the 80th birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The Queen Mother does indeed have a unique place in the affections of us all, and I am sure that the whole country will want to celebrate this particularly happy occasion.

A national programme of special events has already been arranged, and was announced by Buckingham Palace just before Christmas. There is to be a national Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral on 15 July, which will be preceded by a carriage procession. There will also be a garden party at Holyroodhouse on 2 July, and a Beating of the Retreat and a reception there on 3 July. There will be a special garden party at Buckingham Palace on 17 July, and a special performance of the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court on 24 July. On 4 August, the Queen Mother's birthday, there will be a gala ballet performance at Covent Garden. In addition to all of these events, the Royal Mint are to strike a special commemorative crown piece.

Over and above the national programme, I am in no doubt that many people will want to organise local events in July and August, and I wish them well in their efforts. There could be no better reason for us all to join together and celebrate.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Cyril Smith, Esq., M.B.E., M.P.

RA

SIG
(1) Press office
(2) despatch pl
MS

10 DOWNING STREET

CLIVE

Do you wat to tell the Palace our line before it goes?

DC

Done. The letter can go.

AC.

PRIME MINISTER

Cyril Smith will no doubt publicise your reply to his letter about the Queen Mother's birthday.

I have consulted the Departments concerned (Treasury, Employment and Home Office) about the proposal that there might be a public or bank holiday to mark the birthday. We could not very readily have a school holiday, because 15 July - the day of the Service of Thanksgiving - falls very close to the end of term and 4 August is in the summer holiday. 4 August is already a bank holiday in Scotland, but no-one in Government is very keen on the thought of another bank holiday in England and Wales on that day. It would be a slightly curious occasion, because there would be no national event, other than the ballet performance at Covent Garden, which scarcely qualifies as a focus for a "royal" holiday.

The draft therefore leaves entirely open the question of an extra public holiday, against the possibility that the Daily Mail's campaign builds up so much momentum that we want to reconsider later.

MJS

19 February 1980

Royal Family Stamp

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

18 February 1980

I had a word with you on the telephone this morning about Cyril Smith's letter to the Prime Minister on the subject of the national celebrations for the Queen Mother's 80th birthday. I attach a copy of the letter in question.

I am also sending a copy to Ian Fair (Department of Employment) and to Tony Butler (Home Office).

I should be grateful for advice from all of you on the telephone as soon as possible.

N. J. SANDERS

M.A. Hall, Esq., MVO,
HM Treasury.

FROM : CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SWIA OAA

February 15,1980

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

Following my letter to you of February 13 concerning The Queen Mother, I thought you might like to see the letter I have received from the Middleton Conservative Association!

Yours sincerely,

CYRIL SMITH, MP
enc

Middleton Conservative Association

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Mr. C. Smith M.P.
House of Commons
London.

1/ Thanks.
2/ Send to Mrs Thatcher

Dear Mr Smith.

Re: No Queen Mother

No Middl... Conservative Ass... is in full support to your plans to honour our much loved Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. We hope Mrs. T. declares a public holiday in honour of this great Queen.

Yours faithfully.

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MFJ

N.S.
For action?

14 February 1980

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 12 February about the celebration of The Queen Mother's birthday. The Prime Minister has seen your letter and will reply to you herself as soon as possible.

Cyril Smith, Esq., M.B.E., M.P.

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FROM : CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP

cc Prem
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14/2 B. Ingham

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

February 12,1980

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

Dear Prime Minister,

You will recall the wonderful evening some of us were privileged to enjoy tonight in the presence of H.R.H. the greatly loved Queen Mother.

You will also be aware that she is to celebrate her 80th birthday this year.

I am writing to urge you to initiate some National celebrations of this very special birthday. No lady is more loved and respected, and to have achieved so with such grace, dignity and charm is indeed an achievement worthy of recognition.

I hope then, that the Government will seriously consider a National Holiday and Festival to celebrate, with each area of the Country itself, at local levels, planning local birthday parties.

It would be an opportunity to celebrate; to forget our worries for 24 hours, and I am sure it would give "Maam" tremendous pleasure to know that all of us were celebrating her birthday with her.

I hope, too, the media will be encouraged to respond, and perhaps we could have some special Musical Concert, or something of that nature, as the National Symbol, and a Service of Celebration in the Abbey.

I look forward to hearing from you of any Government initiative and/or plans, and I trust you will not mind me releasing this letter, and ultimately your reply, to the Press.

Yours sincerely,

Regards!

CYRIL SMITH, MBE.,MP

The Times - 12 January 1980

Gala ballet for 80th birthday of Queen Mother

There will be a gala ballet performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, on August 4 to mark the eightieth birthday on that day of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Other special occasions to mark the Queen Mother's birthday are: July 2, afternoon, garden party at Holyroodhouse; July 3, evening, beat retreat and reception at Holyroodhouse; July 15, morning, carriage procession to St. Paul's Cathedral, service of thanksgiving; July 17, afternoon, special garden party at Buckingham Palace, attended by representatives of the organizations of which the Queen Mother is patron or president; July 24, afternoon, performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court (Service units with which the Queen Mother is associated will take part).

FILE

Royal family

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10 DOWNING STREET

2 January 1980

THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear George,

Thank you very much for your letter of 27 December about the Queen Mother's 80th birthday.

I agree with you that this will be a very special occasion, and I was in touch earlier in the year with the Palace to consider how it might best be celebrated. There are, in fact, to be a number of special occasions in 1980 to mark the Queen Mother's 80th birthday, and I attach a list of them which was issued by the Palace a fortnight ago. As you will see, there is to be a Service of Thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 15 July, and I am sure that this occasion in particular will, as you say, provide the whole country with an opportunity to celebrate the Queen Mother's birthday.

Yours ever

Margaret

The Rt. Hon. George Thomas, MP.

Ptt.

Wednesday 2 July

Afternoon	Garden Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse

Thursday 3 July

Evening	Beat Retreat Evening Reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse

Tuesday 15 July

Morning	Carriage Procession to St. Paul's Cathedral Service of Thanksgiving

Thursday 17 July

Afternoon	Special Garden Party at Buckingham Palace (Representatives of the organisations of which Her Majesty is Patron or President will be invited)

Thursday 24 July

Afternoon	Performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court (Service Units with which Her Majesty is associated will take part)

Monday 4 August

Evening	Gala Ballet Performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

Mr Speaker

Speaker's House Westminster London SW1A 0AA

GT/EB

27th December 1979

The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Prime Minister
10.Downing Street
LONDON SWI

Dear Margaret,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother

As you know, the Queen Mother will celebrate her 80th Birthday in 1980 .

I think it would be an excellent idea if there were a National Service of Thanksgiving in St. Paul's Cathedral to celebrate this great event. I am quite sure that there would be street parties throughout the land if encouragement were given to localities to celebrate this very special Birthday.

I hope you do not mind my suggesting this to you, but I feel sure that it would be good for everyone's morale throughout the land if we celebrate this event.

With every good wish to you for 1980.

Yours ever,
George.

Friday, 21 December 1979

Official Report: Vol. 976, No. 93, Col. 453

Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother (Birthday Coin)

Mr. Wheeler asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer if Her Majesty's Government have any plans to issue a special coin to celebrate the eightieth birthday in August 1980 of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother.

Mr. Peter Rees: The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve the Master of the Mint's recommendation that a special crown piece be issued.

The design for the reverse of the coin will be selected from open competition and the first issue of the coin will be on The Queen Mother's birthday.

The National Archives

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

IT IS ANNOUNCED FROM BUCKINGHAM PALACE THAT THERE WILL BE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN 1980 TO MARK THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

Wednesday, 2nd July	
Afternoon	Garden Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.
Thursday, 3rd July	
Evening	Beat Retreat Evening Reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.
Tuesday ~~Thursday~~, 15th July	
Morning	Carriage Procession to St. Paul's Cathedral. Service of Thanksgiving.
Thursday, 17th July	
Afternoon	Special Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. (Representatives of the organisations of which Her Majesty is Patron or President will be invited)
Thursday, 24th July	
Afternoon	Performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. (Service Units with which Her Majesty is associated will take part)
Monday, 4th August	
Evening	Gala Ballet Performance at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Royal Family

Please file-noted in P.M.'s dr. cy.
CP.
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

QUEEN ELIZABETH, THE QUEEN MOTHER'S
80TH BIRTHDAY

Special Events

Wednesday or Thursday, 18th/19th June

Private party by The Queen at Windsor Castle.

Tuesday, 15th July

Morning — Thanksgiving Service in St. Paul's Cathedral with carriage procession from Buckingham Palace.

Thursday, 17th July

Afternoon — Special Garden Party given by The Queen at Buckingham Palace.

Thursday, 24th July

Evening — Special Performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, with contingents from Queen Elizabeth's Regiments.

Monday, 4th August

Evening — Ballet Gala at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

20th November, 1979.

The Times - 16 November 1979

Queen Mother rose walk fund launched

Donations are being invited towards planting a rose walk in St James's Park to commemorate the eightieth birthday of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, next August.

The walk would border paths leading from The Mall, opposite Clarence House to the lake, and should be in full bloom for her birthday on August 4. Surplus funds will go to the National Gardens Scheme, of which the Queen Mother is a keen supporter.

Cheques should be made payable to The National Gardens Scheme and sent to Mr Roy Miles, Treasurer, 6 Duke Street, St James's, London.

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Royal Family HS

1 November 1979

You wrote to me on 31 October about the proposal that a commemorative crown piece should be struck for the Queen Mother's 80th birthday. I have shown this to the Prime Minister who thinks it would be an excellent idea.

T.P. LANKESTER

M.A. Hall, Esq.,
H.M. Treasury.

NO

cc Mr Lyham

Prime Minister

This seems a good idea.

Agree?

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG
01-233 3000

31st October 1979

Yes - unobtrusively. 31/10

MG

Dear Tim,

COMMEMORATIVE CROWN PIECE -
QUEEN MOTHER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

The Deputy Master of the Royal Mint has recommended to the Chancellor that the Mint might strike a crown piece to commemorate the 80th birthday of the Queen Mother. The view of the Chancellor, in his capacity as Master of the Mint, is that the proposed crown would have a wide appeal and would be an entirely suitable way of commemorating the Queen Mother's 80th birthday. Before the Chancellor makes his recommendations to the Queen (which he customarily does directly in this capacity) he would be grateful for confirmation that the Prime Minister is sympathetic to this proposal.

Yours ever

MK

(M.A. HALL)

T. Lankester, Esq.

31 OCT 1979

QUEEN MOTHER

B/U 3 September

To C.A.W.

MR. WHITMORE

We discussed the possibility of some special arrangements to mark the 80th birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, which will fall in August 1980.

We have had one or two representations in support of a public effort to acknowledge this milestone for a much loved member of the Royal Family.

You agreed that it might be worth having this thought in mind for your Balmoral weekend.

10 August 1979

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