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Dec 29 1980.

Dear Prime Minister

I thought I should
let you know that the temporary
export permission was issued
to Arnold Hamner today at 2.30

and the Coleridge will depart for

the United States tomorrow.

It will return here & the
27th January in time for the
Review Committee meeting on
28th January. The Deputy
Queen did not wish the
work of return to the original
folio format to be done at
Winchcombe & this will now be
done in the United States by
Prof. Pedretti.



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I have negotiated a rather
better deal with Dr Hamner
for the future of the codex than the
one I mentioned to you before Christmas.
Dr Hamner has now agreed
that the codex should be
displayed here for 3 months.

every year until his death -
The fund for 10 years will then
enter into the same arrangement and
thereafter it will be dispensed in the
U.K. at mutually convenient times
This will enable many more people
to see it here than ever before.

After 10 years we will be able to see
whether there is sufficient interest
in the Collet to warrant continuing



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with the exhibitions.

I propose to tell the press
about the temporary arrangements but
not about the permanent ones. These
will go before the revenue committee
on the 28th with a declaration from
myself that I am minded to
grant a export license on those

terms. I hope they will consent
but if necessary I can overrule
them.

Dr Hanner will be here for
his Daumier exhibit on February
4 and I propose to announce
the arrangements to the press with
Dr Hanner on February 3.

I believe these arrangements
will be widely welcomed in the

ant world ad will be
 minimal in cost.

I hope that you had a
 restful and blessed Christmas
 as we did here - I have had
 a decade of happiness in this
 beautiful house for which I
 am grateful
 1981 will be a difficult

Year but I pray that

the sky will brighten as the

year goes on

with every good wish for

your happiness and success
in 1981.

Love you

Marilyn