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Dear George

Thank you for your letter of 28 February about the Sparkes case. I have read the attached correspondence. I am sorry that you feel Peter Carrington and Willie Whitelaw have been unhelpful. It is a sad and difficult case but I do not see how they could have come to any other conclusion than that set out in Peter's letter.

Warm personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher

The Right Honourable Lord George-Brown

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