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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter and its kind message of encouragement.

You ask about keeping a personal diary. As you know, I feel very strongly that diaries should not be kept for publication because their existence destroys confidence between colleagues. Nevertheless, I have no wish to stop personal diaries "for personal and family interest" and they would obviously have some political and Parliamentary content. So, taking account of your assurance that your New Year's resolutions regularly fail - go ahead!

Yours sincerely

Raymond Butler

The Hon. Peter Brooke, MP.