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The political importance of Mrs Williams

From Sir Ronald Millar

Sir, You accurately pinpoint Mrs Shirley Williams in today's leader (February 10) as "this somewhat indecisive woman, of middling intellectual attainments, and mistaken views". You then suggest that "she would make a good Prime Minister".

Are indecisiveness, a middling intellect and mistaken views really the qualities Britain needs to lead the nation in a nuclear age? I would have thought the rigour, the resolve, the total determination of a Churchill would be rather more appropriate.

We are fortunate to have a Prime Minister with just those qualities. Let us stand firm alongside Margaret Thatcher until her lonely, often uncomfortable, far from gentle but wholly crucial work is done—and that means into and beyond the next election.

The lady's for returning.
Yours faithfully,
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