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In confidence

6 December 1982

My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter
of 3 December.

It is perfectly agreeable to me that
you should make the recommendation to
The Queen which you propose.

Can I, on a personal note, say
a very warm "thank you" to you?

Your letter came as a total surprise
to me, since it did not reflect —
indeed, it conflicted with — advice
which you had received from your
principal official adviser on these
matters. That gives your

proposal a personal quality
which makes it very special,
and gives me great pleasure.

Yours ever
Robert