



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

29 November 1982

Dear Mr Clark,

Thank you for your letter of 23 November, enclosing one about my husband's travel from a constituent who asked to remain anonymous.

I am afraid there is little I can add to the letter that I sent you on 21 October, 1981, in reply to a very similar approach from one of your constituents who also asked to remain anonymous. Broadly speaking, whenever my husband has to accompany me on official visits, in this country or overseas, we share the same accommodation and transport. The expense of this accommodation and transport would have to be incurred whether or not my husband accompanied me. There is, therefore, very little additional expense in his presence, and it would not be possible to separate out the costs incurred on his behalf from the total costs in any meaningful way.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Dr David Clark, M.P.

I may also say that Denis does a wonderful job for Britain everywhere he goes.

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