



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

16 February, 1981

Dear Lord Kelvin,

Thank you for your letter of 29 January. I am so pleased to hear that you will be in residence at the Palace of Holyrood House as Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May and I would very much like to come to Edinburgh at that time. Of the alternatives you suggest I think that Friday 15th for the Ceremony of the Keys, Reception and Dinner and Saturday 16th for the Opening of Assembly would really suit me best. But I hope you will not mind if I do not make a speech. As my office have explained to the Purse Bearer I have two major speeches, one on Monday 18th and one on Wednesday 20th of the following week, so I will not be able to address the Assembly — *I could not do it justly without sufficient thought and preparation.*

I look forward to the occasion and hope that this suggestion is convenient to you. My office will be in touch with the Purse Bearer regarding the details of the composition of my party.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Delisle

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, D.L., J.P.

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