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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Sir Michael

The Home Secretary has forwarded your letter to him kindly inviting me to visit the Intelligence Centre at Templar Barracks, Ashford. Although this is an engagement I would like very much to take on, I am afraid it will not be possible at the present time due to my already overcrowded diary for the foreseeable future. However, I am most grateful to you for asking me and if I should visit Kent in an official capacity in the future I shall certainly bear your kind invitation in mind.

With best wishes and in the meantime could you kindly pass on this reluctant refusal to all concerned.

Yours sincerely
Roger Douglas-Scott

Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gow, K.C.B.