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112, SWAN COURT,  
CHELSEA MANOR STREET,  
LONDON, S. W. 3.

3rd January 1955

The Hon. John Hall M.P.,  
Abbey House  
26 Victoria Street, S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Hall,

In reply to your

letter of 15<sup>th</sup> December and successive  
events with regard to the Orpington  
division —

Would you please remove my  
name from your list of unadopted  
candidates as I shall not be coming  
back into "general circulation." For  
some time and now I have been

steadfastly pursuing a career at  
the Bar with the intention of  
specialising on Tax and Estate Duty  
matters. The only political restriction  
left for the next 10 years was Opposition  
for which I have long had an  
affinity. Now such restriction have  
been removed for all time I shall  
continue at the Bar with no further  
thought of a Parliamentary career  
for many years.

All Best Wishes for 1968

Yours sincerely

Raymond H. Patches

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For  
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4th January, 1955.

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Many thanks for your letter of 3rd January. Of course, I must do what you tell me. On the other hand, supposing some winnable seat in Kent became available, could I not ask you to reconsider your decision?

At this stage I cannot be more definite, but should this eventuality arise I would like to feel that you might be available.

JOHN HARE

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