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Dear Margaret and Denis,

Jill and I were quite overcome by the lovely presents which you gave us for Christmas. You really are much too generous. We have never tasted smoked salmon of the quality which you gave us: it was so moist and full of flavour and it melted in the mouth. To have a whole side of it was a luxury beyond description. We drank the Chablis with some of it on Christmas day, and both wine and the chocolate were also delicious. We have managed to

preserve some of both from the ravages
of our children.

I have been thinking of you at
Chegworth and have been hoping that you
were getting a rest. I did not realise
how fast the pace has been until I stopped.

I have kept nodding off whenever I have
been left alone over Christmas (not often). But

I want you to know how much I have
enjoyed my first four months. I know
how disruptive it must be for you to
have a change of PPs but I inherited a
marvellous set-up from Clive and I am

terribly grateful to you both for having made me feel so much at home and for making it so easy for me to settle in.

You must be wondering what 1983 will bring. I hope that all of us can help you make it another memorable and successful year and give you 100 per cent support in the work you are doing for our country.

Yours ever,

Robin.