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Dear Quaker,

Thank you for your thoughts
on the political future.

The most worrying prospect
is that of a National Government with
a Socialist majority. In that event, the
Socialists would not give up Socialism;
they would merely use the broader
base of a National Government to
take us further down the road to
inevitable Socialism.

I do not believe the nation

wants that. Our efforts, therefore
should be directed towards things
that we do not drift into it
through our own failure to
lead, or through the people's failure
to become politically involved.

If the time should come, when
colleagues are asked to join a National
government, I hope they will devise a
very tough bargain. Our people are
willing to make sacrifices for Britain
but not for Socialism.



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On your other point - about
reaching the beach - I do try, but
it takes two.

Yours ever

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