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Prime Minister

*Sir Michael Edwardes (Play A) has
invited you to dine with the BL
Board. Sir invites memorandum but
you accept. Do you wish to ?*

*No - reject
not*
Dear Tim

Thank you for your letter of 24 March seeking advice as to whether the Prime Minister should accept Sir Michael Edwardes' invitation to a working dinner with his Board. *R*

2 The BL Board is small and high-powered and, if the Prime Minister accepted the invitation, she could be assured of a stimulating discussion. The Prime Minister would have the opportunity to hear at first hand how BL think they are doing so far this year and how they view future prospects. On the other hand, Sir Michael could be expected to criticise the recent Budget and the Government's policies on such matters as the exchange rate and imports of cars. *2/4*

3 On balance, my Secretary of State would recommend the Prime Minister to accept the invitation if it can be fitted in with her other engagements.

Yours ever

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I K C ELLISON
Private Secretary

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