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Dear Prime Minister,

May I say to you on behalf of my wife and myself how enormously we enjoyed the dinner you gave in my honour on Monday night? It was an evening we shall ~~not~~ always remember, not just because of its splendour, but because of the warm and friendly atmosphere which, if I may say so, you did so much to foster. You made it more like a family occasion than an official function, and that is exactly as I would have wished it.

You said some very nice and largely unreserved things about me, which also greatly touched me. What gave me especial pleasure was

what you said about the Treasury. It has been my spiritual home for a very long time and my heart still glows when I hear it complimented and approved of. The people in it are splendid. I know that you agree with me in this judgment, and that too is a source of comfort for me.

May I say in conclusion what a pleasure it has been to work for you? I have always felt that I have had your ear when I had something I had to say, and you have listened to my case. I hope that in return you feel that I and my colleagues have been working to help you to implement your programme. As I said to you a long time ago, "We are all on your side."

With renewed thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Joseph W. ...