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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Thank you for your letter of 22 April in which you told me that the Council of the Royal Society had authorised you to ask me whether I would be willing to allow my name to be recommended to the Society for election to the Fellowship this year.

I feel greatly honoured by the Council's invitation and I should be delighted to accept it. I have delayed my reply until the timing of the General Election was clear, because I am sure that the Council would share my view that it would be better that proceedings on such an election should not take place immediately before a General Election. I hope that it will not be inconvenient to the Council to defer proceeding with their proposal until after 9 June.

Please will you convey my warm thanks to the Council for their proposal, which has given me the greatest pleasure.

Sir Andrew Huxley, P.R.S.