



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

15th June 1983

*Dear Graham,*

I always enjoy my visits to Scotland and how marvellous it was to be able to "launch" the Election Campaign from Perth, where we had begun the last Administration. I am only sorry that the timing on this occasion meant that I was unable to visit the Borders but I hope that we will be able to put this right one day.

You and your team worked tremendously hard during the Campaign and the victories we achieved in Scotland were in no small way due to your marvellous efforts. Please pass on my grateful thanks to all concerned.

Of course it is sad that we have lost Roxburgh & Berwickshire and Ross and Cromarty, but don't let these disappointments get you down. I am only too well aware of the special character of these two constituencies. Now we must build on our successes - such as the encouraging results which we had in Aberdeen South, Sitrling, Moray, Cunningham North, Renfrew West and Inverclyde - and combat the Liberal/SDP Alliance. I know that I can count on your continuing loyalty, wise advice and unfailing effort in the task ahead.

Thank you also for the splendid arrangements which you made for my visit to Edinburgh and Inverness during the Campaign. As usual - the tour went without a hitch.

With best wishes.

*Lawson*

*Raymond*

Sir Graham Macmillan