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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 October 1983

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Dear Namie

Thank you for your letter of 6 October about Cecil Parkinson.

I need hardly tell you that this has been a very difficult and painful episode for me. I understand why you have reached the conclusion in your letter. I am sure you will understand that I have only reached my own view after very careful consideration. And I hope that you will agree with me that, whatever view each of us may take about this particular situation, Cecil Parkinson was a marvellous help and support during the Falklands crisis, has been a superb Chairman of the Conservative Party, to whom we owe a great deal, and is now an absolutely first class Departmental Minister.

*Thank you for writing.
Yours sincerely
Margaret*

Sir Maurice Laing.

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