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Dear Prime Minister

The file on the Report on Race Relations:
Review of Personnel Policies & Procedures has just come round
on my desk again and I saw David Bowlays note
of 13 XII:

"The Prime Minister has enquired whether it is
really necessary to designate Equal Opportunity officers in
Govt. Departments"

I cannot tell you how heartening it
is for those of us who toil in the lower reaches
to find, not only your opinions coinciding with
our own but the sheer scope of your
vigilance in all matters of government. There
has been nothing like it since Churchill

(and -

(and of course he only concerned himself
with military dispatches, weapons & diplomacy
-very rarely with domestic matters). It is
the fundament of administrative cohesion, as
important as it is rare.

Thank you and Dennis for your
Christmas card, and all our best wishes
for a jolly festival.

Yours

A stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading "A. J. ...", consisting of a large capital letter followed by a series of connected loops and a final horizontal stroke.



Ann

Michael,

Could you possibly show
the P.M. this note of
appreciation?

For protocol reasons it is
better that she should see it
direct than have the same
relayed to her by you (as

(will normally do)

All the best for
Christmas,

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20th December 1983

Thank you for your handwritten note, with which you enclosed a letter dated 17th December, to the Prime Minister. This I have shown to her. Thank you for taking the trouble to write.

MICHAEL ALISON

The Hon Alan Clark MP