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PRIME MINISTER

I have just heard that Sir Maurice Oldfield has had to be taken to hospital. He has not been at all well, and (reading between the lines) it does not sound as if the prognosis is very good. But I don't think that he knows that.

2. I think that it might do his morale a power of good if you felt able to write him a little line of good wishes, something on the following lines:

"I was so sorry to hear that you were not well and had had to go into hospital. I hope that the doctors will be able to deal with the trouble, and I send you my very best wishes for a return to good health".

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