

Southgate



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

6th December, 1984

Dear Michael,

I am writing to send you my best wishes for the by-election on Thursday, 13th December. This by-election has been caused by the murder of Tony Berry in the bomb outrage at our Party Conference in Brighton.

In Parliament, where I knew him as a colleague, friend and fellow London Member, he will be sorely missed. But he will be missed nowhere more than in Southgate where he worked so hard and so effectively for his constituents, regardless of party.

You have fought an excellent campaign and have followed Tony Berry's example in committing yourself to the interests of the constituents of Southgate. You will serve the constituency well as a Member of Parliament and I and my colleagues look forward to welcoming you in the House of Commons.

Michael Portillo, Esq

Yours ever

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9th December 1984.

Dear Prime Minister,

Many thanks for your very generous message of support to me in the Enfield Southgate by-election. I am keenly aware that if I win, it will owe a great deal to the respect which the constituency has for your courage in the wake of the Brighton bomb; and to the warm memories left by Sir Anthony after 20 years of service to the constituency.

My hope is to achieve a result which does credit to the party, and which reflects the support in the constituency for the policies of the government.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Portillo.