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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 January, 1983

I am sorry that you have not received an earlier reply to your letter of 4 January. We have been much involved in preparing for, and carrying out, a visit to the Falkland Islands. But I write now to say that we have noted the kind suggestion of the Speaker of the Assembly that the next time the Prime Minister visits Northern Ireland she might have a meal with him and a few guests at Parliament Buildings.

I enclose, as requested, a photograph signed by the Prime Minister for Mr E. Adair.

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(sent via NIO)

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4 January 1983

Miss C M Stephens
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Dear Miss Stephens,

The Speaker of the Assembly wishes to thank the Prime Minister most warmly for her recent visit to Northern Ireland. He believes that it was a marvellous success and a tremendous boost for the morale, not only of the security forces, but also of the vast majority of law abiding citizens here.

The Speaker would very much like the Prime Minister to have a meal with him and a few guests at Parliament Buildings the next time she is in Northern Ireland. I appreciate that you cannot make any firm commitment at this stage, but I should be grateful if you would bear this invitation in mind at the appropriate time.

A young man who was disappointed at missing the Prime Minister during her visit to Bangor would like to have her autograph. His name is E Adair, and he lives at 11 Grange Crescent, Bangor, County Down. If it is not too much trouble, I am sure it would make him very happy if you would send me one that I can pass on to him.

Thank you and best wishes for the coming year.

Yours sincerely,
Bill Smith

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PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE SPEAKER