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to Grattan.  
Will approach  
T. King

Mark,

Denis Grattan, PR exec  
of Larne Harbour Board  
rang. His chairman, Mr  
Geoff Parker, has been  
corresponding with you re  
the possibility of the PM  
opening the new passenger  
terminal. They would like to  
suggest a time between  
the 5th + 15th of November.  
If the PM cannot do it  
can you suggest a  
replacement - Tom King?  
Can you phone Mr Grattan  
on 0574 74609.

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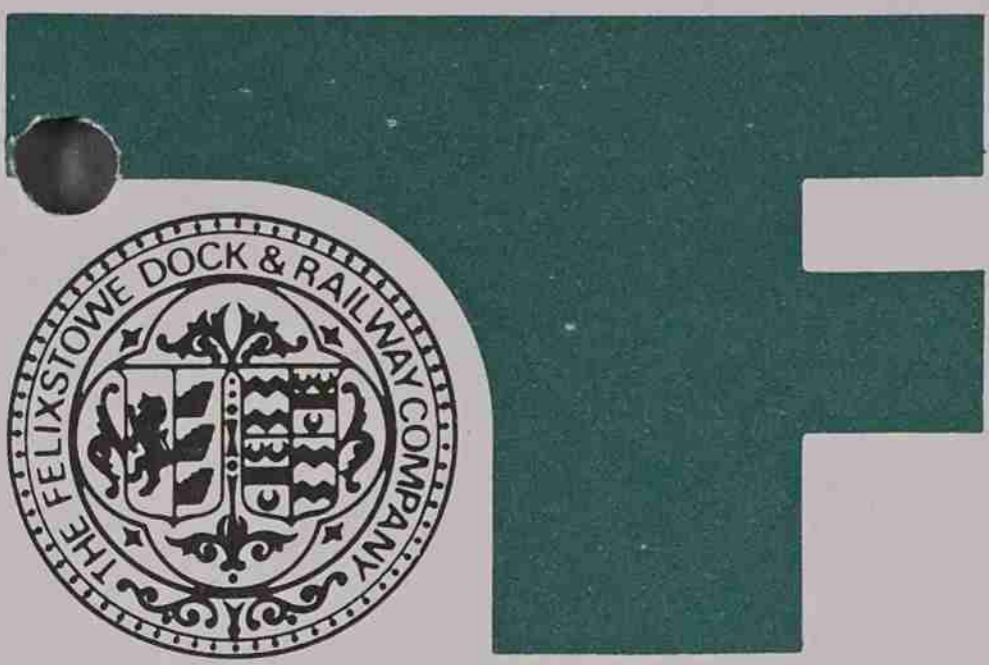
*From the Private Secretary*

2 September 1985

I enclose a copy of the most recent letter from Mr. G. J. Parker, Chairman of Larne Harbour Limited, for information.

Mark Addison

Neil Ward, Esq.,  
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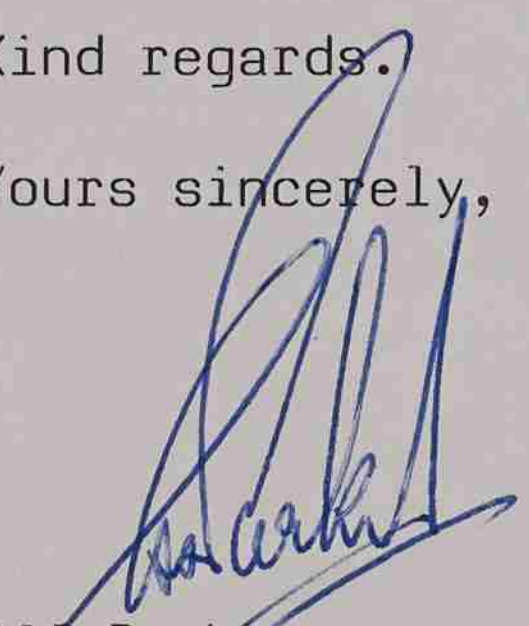
Dear Mr Addison,

I thank you for your letter of 13 August.

I fully understand the difficulties and we will try to be patient for a little longer before we have to make a decision to invite somebody else to perform the ceremony. Clearly we would very much like the Prime Minister to open the terminal, but we understand the difficulties. Perhaps I may write to you in a few weeks' time to see whether the situation has changed.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
G.J. Parker  
Chairman/Managing Director

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a letter to me

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13 August 1985

You will remember you offered us advice on the original letter from Mr. Parker on 27 March. As you will see, Larne Harbour Ltd chose to read more commitment into my reply of 30 April than it contained and they are now pressing us to firm up on dates.

I enclose a copy of my reply to their latest letter in which I have explained that we are at this stage unable to give any further commitment, or any better idea of dates than was contained in my first reply.

(MARK ADDISON)

Neil Ward, Esq.,  
Northern Ireland Office.

JKW

13 August 1985

Thank you for your letter of 5 August.

I can appreciate your concern, but I am afraid that I cannot at this stage add anything to my letter of 30 April. I do hope you will understand why it is not possible for me to give you a more definite response.

The Prime Minister would, I know, fully understand if you decided in the circumstances to approach someone else to perform the opening ceremony of your new passenger terminal. As I indicated in my earlier letter, she would be happy to commend it to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful at this stage.

(MARK ADDISON)

G. J. Parker, Esq.

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5th August, 1985.

Mr. M. Addison,  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON SW1.

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Dear Mr. Addison,

I refer to my letter of the 2nd May, 1985, and am wondering whether there is any possibility of you giving us some indication of dates for the Autumn of this year, when the Prime Minister will be able to officiate in our new passenger terminal in Larne.

Yours sincerely,

*G. J. Parker*

*GP* G.J. Parker.  
Chairman.

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