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10 DOWNING STREET

17th December 1984

Dear William,

The Prime Minister has decided, as part of a general policy to make better use of the experience and insights of our backbench parliamentary committees, to invite them to come and see her for a drink and discussion from time to time. She wondered whether you and your other elected officers, with perhaps a couple of your most senior and regular attenders, would join her for a drink in her room at the House of Commons on Tuesday 15th January, at 6.00 p.m.

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She has invited the Chancellor of the Exchequer and his other Treasury Ministerial colleagues to join her for this occasion.

Yours ever
Michael

MICHAEL ALISON

Sir William Clark MP



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Dear Nigel,

I am sorry to have to spring on you a rather special request - that you and your Ministerial colleagues might join the Prime Minister for a drink in her room at the House of Commons, at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15th January.

You will see from the attached copy of a letter which I have sent, on the Prime Minister's behalf, to Bill Clark, what is afoot!

I would be very grateful if your Private Office could let me know whether you yourself are able to come, and which of your Ministers would be able to come.

The PM attaches importance to this exercise in "communications"!

Yours ever
Michael

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The Rt Hon Nigel Lawson MP