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THE PRIME MINISTER

17<sup>th</sup> January 1982

My dear Lady Spencer,

I was very touched by  
your kind and thoughtful letter.  
It was a great encouragement at a  
difficult time.

The whole incident has done  
a lot of harm to both Government  
and Party. People do not expect  
Conventions to be quarrelling openly and

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They have a right to expect  
Cabinet to be united.

But there are consolations. We  
have a marvellous new Secretary of  
State for Defense in George Younger.  
And an excellent new face in  
Nathaniel Peffer.

Warm regards to you both

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Shalton