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7th December 1979

Thank you so much for your letter of
6th December.

I will certainly show your letter to
the Prime Minister.

It was very good of you to have
taken the trouble to write as you did.

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6th December, 1979

Ian Ian.

I spent the day on Sunday with Harold Macmillan at Birch Grove and I thought you might like to tell the Prime Minister (if ever she needs her morale boosting!) how pleased and gratified he is by the fact that she still continues to visit him from time to time and how much he enjoys these talks with her and Denis. He remarked rather wryly that, in ^{the last} sixteen years, Ted had only visited him twice and each time only because he wanted to get some information out of Harold! He said Ted was an able and efficient second in command and Staff Officer, but not a leader and added "but now you have a real leader of the Tory Party".

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4th June, 1980

Dear Ian.

Thank you very much for your two letters of May 27th, from which I am so glad to see that Charlie has invited you to attend the Officers Meeting of the Constitutional Committee at which the reform of the House of Lords is to be further discussed. I am particularly glad to note you agree that every measure open to us should be taken to prevent single Chamber Government in this country and I hope and assume that this also represents the Prime Minister's view. Needless to say, I should much like to have a word about this whenever you have time.

Do give the Prime Minister my warmest congratulations on the outcome of the European negotiations, which really is a remarkable success, attributable entirely to the courage and skill with which she played the hand.

Harold Macmillan was dining with me last evening and mentioned (but not, of course, in a complaining way) that Margaret had not been to see him since she became Prime Minister. He added that he realised that she was now too busy to make social calls of this kind, but I was left with the impression that he would greatly appreciate a short visit if she could ever fit it in at a weekend, as he is a great admirer of her's and loves, as you know, to discuss current affairs with old colleagues and especially, of course, with the Prime Minister - so it might be worth just mentioning the possibility to her in case she could fit it in during the Summer Recess.

I know it would give him great pleasure.

Yours ever Nigel

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