

Eden MP

18th December 1979

Thank you so much for your letter of 13th December which was written immediately after the 1922 Committee meeting.

I have shown your letter to the Prime Minister. She is most grateful to you for having written in such encouraging terms.

You will be glad to know that the Prime Minister will be appearing on Weekend World on Sunday 6th January.

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Parliamentary Private Secretary

The Rt Hon Sir John Eden Bt MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Jan,

The P.M.'s performance at the 1922 Committee was without doubt the best of such events that I have ever witnessed. She demonstrated great qualities of leadership, contriving to unite the disparate elements in our ranks into an enthusiastic and committed team. She also showed real understanding both of our difficulties & of our aspirations.

Inevitably the principle burden of communication falls on her shoulders and she already carries an enormous load. But I can think of no better tonic for the Nation in the New Year than if she were to find some suitable occasion for a straight-from-the-shoulder message to all our people. We need to explain, explain and explain again. And judging by to-night's *tour de force*, no one could do it better than she.

Yours ever, John (EDEN)