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Thank you so much for your very understanding letter of 21st July.

July has been a tough month, and I am looking forward to a break.

Thank you, as ever, for your staunch support, and for your wise advice.

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My Dear P.M.,

It was a fine speech on Monday and did us all good.

The burden upon you there last few weeks has been appalling and the purpose of this letter is to implore you to take a proper rest. Your physical strength and resistance are critical for all of us and a change does help. Apart from health the French are right "ça change les idées".

You will have heard much counsel I've no doubt, of late, about doing more "politically" with an eye to the next election. Well and good up to a point, but I believe

The British people are sick of the disingenuous approach to their problems; of the soft soaps and the hints of a magical never never land to come. That is why the reputation of politicians has slipped so low.

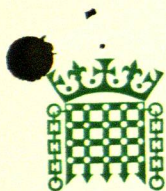
The wonderful harmony we all felt on the Royal Wedding day was perhaps a compound of emotions but I think it told us something. The English don't want to be bribed and cajoled, tricked and deceived. They want to be proud again. They want a call to arms!

Difficult to see how you can deliver something of the sort at present! but it is your steadfastness and resolution that will win us the day when the luck turns, not dissimulation.

Work towards a greater discipline.
Work against those who would use their power for greed, and those who would witfully

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destroy us for the sake of the process
of destruction - which has become a way
of life to them.

The Rocks and eruptions in our society
are evil as well as sad. But the great
mass of the people are the same underneath
as they always were. They will argue. They
will complain, and demand; as they have since
Saxon times but come trouble and storm
they will follow a leader as they've always done.

You are their leader, and going to
remain so. But do, for pity's sake, look
after yourself and get a rest.

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No answer please.

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