

Prime Minister

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S.A.S. REGIMENT

1. The SAS Regiment would like to give a dinner in your honour.
 2. This would take place at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. The envoy who carries this invitation is Stephen Hastings, who, as you know, served with the SAS.
 3. Would you agree, in principle, to be their guest of honour? They understand that you may not be able to find a date for some months. *Yes. Xmas recess.*
 4. There would be no speeches. They simply want to show their respect and gratitude to you for your leadership.
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cc. Caroline Stephens

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From: Stephen Hastings MC MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

26th October, 1982

DINNER WITH THE S.A.S.

The S.A.S. (past and present) are very anxious to invite you and Denis to a private dinner party at The Royal Hospital. I passed this on through Ian and was delighted last evening to learn that you might be able to come.

The idea would be to have a completely relaxed evening with no pressure of any kind and of course no publicity. Because of their particular position the Regiment seldom has a chance to celebrate and this would be a splendid occasion to express their admiration and thanks for your support. Ian said the Christmas Recess might be suitable and I will keep in touch with Caroline about a date.

The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street.

Hastings

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

25th October 1982

You mentioned to me, last week, that the SAS regiment would like to hold a dinner in the Prime Minister's honour, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

I understood from you that no speech would be required, from the Prime Minister.

She is delighted, in principle, to accept this invitation, and wonders whether it would be possible to find an evening during the Christmas Recess.

Would you be kind enough, please, to have a word with Caroline about a possible date (930-4433)?

IAN GOW

Stephen Hastings Esq MC MP

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26th October, 1982

My dear Ian,

I was so happy to hear the Prime Minister might like to dine with the S.A.S. and am setting this in motion - copy of my letter to her attached.

We shall certainly count on you and Jane coming too.

Ian Gow Esq., M.P.

Yours truly
Stephen
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