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Dear Prime Minister,

I wanted to write to you before you left office to thank you on behalf of the Security Service for all the support and encouragement you have given us during your years in office. The first part of the 1980s with the BETTANEY case and its aftermath and the Peter Wright saga were not easy. The second half of the decade has produced a reconstructed and confident Service. At no stage did our professional competence decline but the changes and improvements in the Service owe an enormous amount to your interest. In particular, I mention your agreement to legislate for the Service, your decisions which resulted in us getting the extra resources we needed and, not least, your appointment of my predecessor, Tony Duff. For all of this the whole Service is grateful.

2. With very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely

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