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Tuesday March 16.

Dear Michael

Thank you for your letter
- which really was reassuring.

As an old friend of yours,
I do understand your feelings
last night. As far as yesterday
is concerned, all I can tell you
is that every meeting here was
difficult - I think the PM was
still suffering from the emotional
strain of the Zelebrasse tragedy.

In my view, you are

independence to our efforts in
winning the next election.

We are all working for the

same cause, and I am

determined to do my best

to make everyone realize

this.

As ever

Frederic.

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carefully in my
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From:
MICHAEL DOBBS
Chief of Staff

Tuesday

Dear Stephen,

I'm sorry to have lost my temper last night. I didn't mean to shout at you! I hope you will understand. At times I simply think that I have made a dreadful personal mistake - but that's my problem, not yours. There is no need for you to "get back to me" about anything, and I hope you will forgive my ill-humour.

Yours ever,
Michael