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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Norman,

You told me some time ago that you wished to relinquish your position as Chairman of the Party. Now that you are resigning, I want to put on record my deep sense of gratitude to you.

As Chairman, you were the architect of our historic election victory in June of this year when we secured our third successive term of office. You have been an outstanding Chairman and have won the respect and admiration of everyone in the work you have done.

Your career in Government and in the Party - as a Minister, as a member of the Cabinet and as Party Chairman - is one of great distinction. Above all, you have that rare ability to express in clear language the hopes and feelings of all those millions of people who share our values and ideals.

I, and all your colleagues, will greatly miss you. But I know that you will be a great support to the Government in the House of Commons because we both believe passionately in the same cause.

You and Margaret will always hold a unique place in our affections and Denis joins me in sending you both every possible good wish for the future.

The Rt. Hon. Norman Tebbit, CH MP

*Yours ever
Margaret*