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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Clinton - Davis,

The moment is approaching for the Government to nominate the two British Members of the Commission for the period 1989 to 1992. When I consulted the Leader of the Opposition before nominations were made for the present Commission in 1984, I said that I thought as a general rule that people should not serve as Commissioners for too long. I should now tell you formally, therefore, that I do not intend to nominate either Arthur Cockfield or yourself for a second term. An announcement about Arthur's successor will be made very shortly, and I shall be consulting the Leader of the Opposition in the normal way about possible candidates for the second post.

I am grateful for your work, as a member of the present Commission, on two key dossiers, transport and the environment. The progress that has recently been made on the liberalisation of air services and road haulage throughout the Community is most important for the United Kingdom and I appreciate the personal contribution which you have made in this field.

Yours sincerely

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