



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Alan called in yesterday to clear his desk. I gave him your letters with which he was very pleased. He has responded with the attached.

He was considering whether he should write something setting out his side of the case as that he supports the Madrid formula, but after talking to Brian, Bernard and I, concluded that a dignified silence would serve you best. He has also decided not to take up an offer from Rupert Murdoch to write a regular column.

I think he can be most useful to you if he advises privately.

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Dear Margaret,

I deeply appreciate your letter of November 5th. I am sad to be leaving you at this stage — but I am sure that it is for the best.

During these last weeks I have gained some insights into the anguish you must feel when subject to lies, deceit and innuendo, and must remain silent. I have tried to follow your example in my own conduct, and I hope I haven't fallen too far short of your standards of integrity and moral courage.

I will always remain at your Service whenever you wish.

Yours ever
Al