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THE PRIME MINISTER

11 August 1990

Dear Sir James,

Thank you for your
charming note of 25th July. I
well remember the Red Cross Bazaar
and the seemingly endless number of
stalls.

All good wishes for your
retirement. It sounds strange to
say that because I view any
prospect of retirement with distaste.

claim. I prefer to be in
"the hot seat" as you so aptly
put it!

Yours sincerely
Margaret Shalton

FROM:
HIS HONOUR JUDGE SIR JAMES MISKIN, Q.C.
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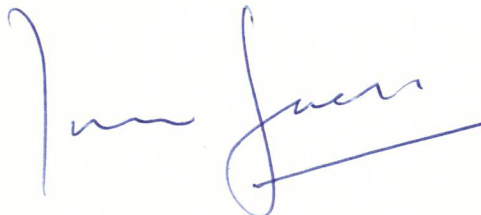
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25th July 1990

My Dear Prime Minister^④

Since I am packing up at the end of this week, I want to say farewell, having so much admired the way you have endured the overwhelming burden of your job. I very much hope that you are going to climb into the hot seat again.

Until I drop dead, I will always carry in what I laughingly call my mind the memory of you at the Red Cross Bazaar a few years back, with that priceless cartoon of you holding a bottle in one hand with a bubble coming out of your mouth, saying "A bottle is best": how right you were to snarl at it to me and say "Rubbish, the vat is best": you were, as always, dead right.



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