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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Bernard

My last act as Prime Minister must be to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for eleven years of loyal and trusty service and companionship. It has been a remarkable performance: and I could certainly never have achieved all that we set out to do, had it not been for your constant support. I very much doubt that any official has ever held so demanding a post for so long or performed so valiantly. As I look back on my years as Prime Minister, I shall always remember you as the man who stood by me through thick and thin. I fear the strain on you and your family must have been very great: but you never complained and were always there when needed.

So it is with great admiration and heart-felt thanks that Denis and I say goodbye to you and to No.10 - for the two are almost inseparable in our minds - and wish you and Nancy every happiness.

*With warmest regards
from all the Family
Margaret and Denis*

Bernard Ingham, Esq.