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10 May, 1983

VISIT OF YUGOSLAV. PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 9 May. The Prime Minister has approved the proposed message from herself to Mrs Planinc subject to certain minor amendments. The final text of the message is enclosed with this letter and I should be grateful if you could arrange for its despatch.

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Cancellation of Visit of Yugoslav Prime Minister

Following the decision to hold the General Election on 9 June you asked for a draft message from the Prime Minister to Mrs Planinc expressing regret at the need to postpone the latter's visit planned to take place from 17-20 May. I enclose a draft for the Prime Minister's consideration.

Copies of this letter and enclosures go to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Trade and the Secretary of State for Scotland.

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MRS PLANINC'S VISIT

1. Following is text of message from the Prime Minister to Mrs Milka Planinc, President of the Federal Executive Council of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

'You will have heard that on 9 May I recommended to HM The Queen that she dissolve Parliament in time for there to be a General Election here on 9 June.

I am particularly sorry that this decision means that I must ask you to postpone your visit to Britain planned for 17-20 May. I was ~~much~~ looking forward to our discussions and also for an opportunity ^{of} ~~for~~ returning

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the generous hospitality which I received in Yugoslavia in 1980. ~~I know, however, that~~ With your knowledge of how our political system works, you will understand that it would be difficult for a visit at the time planned to make the ~~political~~ impact that we would both desire.

I ~~of course~~ hope that it will prove possible to arrange another date for your visit reasonably soon after the Election.'

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