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15th April 1983.

Dear Mr Butler,

I thought it might be helpful if I were to write to you regarding my call on the Prime Minister on the 13th April. I should first repeat my thanks to the Prime Minister for agreeing to see me, especially when the purpose of my visit was not known to her. I am sorry that I reached the top of your staircase somewhat out of breath.

My purpose was to ask the Prime Minister to allow me to propose her for election as an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn. The grounds on which I do so are her personal distinction in the field of international relations, and her eminence as a woman in the life of the United Kingdom. I have no political purpose in making this proposal. I was delighted that this suggestion was received with pleasure and fully appreciate the reservation expressed over the timing of the proceedings in Gray's Inn for this election because of extraneous political reasons. I explained to you the need to complete the internal process of election within one of the law terms, and enclose a calendar of Gray's Inn indicating the remaining terms this year. I hope you will be good enough to let me know as soon as it is convenient to proceed with my proposal.

Coupled with the deferment of the implementation of this proposal, the Prime Minister suggested that it might be helpful if she were to attend some function in Gray's Inn. This possibility had been in my mind in enquiring whether she would be free to come to our Grand Night on 5th May, but she was already committed for that day.

Accordingly I had in mind to suggest that the Prime Minister might attend the Michaelmas Grand Night, taking place on 17th November. Since writing the above we spoke on the telephone, when you told me that she would find that date inconvenient and that she was already committed to dine elsewhere on 7th and 21st July, the Gray's Inn Guest Nights of our Trinity Term. Our only other Guest Night during the year falls on 10th November in the Michaelmas Term, and while it would still be possible to complete the election as an Honorary Bencher in the remainder of the Michaelmas Term, it would be a close-run thing. I should, of course, welcome the Prime Minister on any

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of these dates, but she may find it more convenient to dine with the Bench on a normal dining night, and I would suggest one of the following Wednesday evenings:

6th, 13th, 20th or 27th July ;

preferably one of the earlier dates. These are normal dining nights, in day dress, but there would be every opportunity for meeting a group of Benchers. On none of the occasions for dining is there any speech or reporting.

If you would like to discuss this matter further perhaps you would have lunch with me in Gray's Inn one day.

Yours sincerely

Ronald Grosvenor

Treasurer

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HILARY TERM 1983

Wednesday 19th January	Term Begins, Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 20th January	Benchers and Barristers Guest Night.
Friday 21st January	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 24th January	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 25th January	Sponsorship Night.
Wednesday 26th January	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 27th January	Barristers and Students Guest Night.
Friday 28th January	Concert in Hall.
Monday 31st January	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday 2nd February	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 3rd February	Benchers and Barristers Guest Night.
Friday 4th February	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 7th February	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 8th February	CALL DAY.
Wednesday 9th February	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 10th February	Term Ends.

EASTER TERM 1983

Wednesday 13th April	Term Begins, Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 14th April	Barristers and Students Guest Night.
Friday 15th April	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 18th April	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 19th April	Sponsorship Night.
Wednesday 20th April	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 21st April	Benchers and Barristers Guest Night.

Friday 22nd April	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 25th April	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 26th April	Sponsorship Night.
Wednesday 27th April	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m. 28th BENCHERS & BAR C
Friday 29th April	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY, NO DINING IN HALL
Tuesday 3rd May	CALL DAY
Wednesday 4th May	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 5th May	Grand Day. Term Ends.

Cumberland Lodge - 10th-12th June, 1983.

TRINITY TERM 1983

Wednesday 6th July	Term Begins, Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 7th July	Benchers and Barristers Guest Night.
Friday 8th July	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 11th July	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 12th July	Sponsorship Night.
Wednesday 13th July	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 14th July	Barristers and Students Guest Night.
Friday 15th July	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Sunday 17th July	Mulligan Service in Chapel 11.15 a.m.
Monday 18th July	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday 20th July	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 21st July	Benchers and Barristers Guest Night.
Friday 22nd July	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 25th July	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday 27th July	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 28th July	CALL DAY. Term Ends.

MICHAELMAS TERM 1983

Wednesday 2nd November	Term Begins, Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 3rd November	Barristers and Students Guest Night.
Friday 4th November	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 7th November	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 8th November	Sponsorship Night.
Wednesday 9th November	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 10th November	Benchers and Barristers Guest Night.
Friday 11th November	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 14th November	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday 16th November	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m. 17th GRAND DAY
Friday 18th November	Concert in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Monday 21st November	Moot in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday 22nd November	CALL DAY
Wednesday 23rd November	Debate in Hall. 8.00 p.m.
Thursday 24th November	GRAND DAY. Term Ends.

Carol Service in Chapel on Sunday, 18th December at 3.00 p.m. Christmas Miscellany in Hall on Friday, 16th December. Gray's Inn Pantomime in Hall 9th and 10th December. THE HILARY TERMS BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, 18TH JANUARY 1984.

CALL TO THE BAR

Students who wish to be called to the Bar this year are reminded that arrangements for Call must be completed at the Treasury Office by the first day of each Dining Term.