

From: The Rt. Hon. Lord Renton, Q.C.



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5th October 1984

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
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Dear Prime Minister,  
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Thank you for your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> September, and for the further thought which you have given to the problems of legislative drafting, about which we have been corresponding.

I note your view, which of course I accept, that the Government is collectively responsible for the structure and language, as well as for the content of the legislation which it presents to Parliament.

I also note your view that you do not consider that the Lord Chancellor should be made responsible for the work of the Parliamentary Counsel, and as you have clearly given plenty of thought to this matter I will not trouble you further with it.

I am grateful to you for saying that you will make sure that Parliamentary Counsel are made aware of the need to avoid unnecessary detail or purely administrative matters in legislation.

Thank you also for saying that I may discuss our correspondence with the Lord Chancellor and with Jack Simon.

With very best wishes for the success of our Party Conference,  
Yours ever,  
David.

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Dear Sir,  
I am pleased to hear that you are interested in the  
proposals for the new building at the House of Commons.

The proposals are contained in the enclosure  
and I am sure you will find them of interest.

If you have any questions or require further  
information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,  
The Secretary

Enclosure

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*From the Private Secretary*

9 October 1984

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your further letter of 5 October, which I shall, of course, draw to her attention.

TIMOTHY FLESHER

The Right Honourable  
Lord Renton, K.B.E., T.D., Q.C.

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