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From the Principal Private Secretary

5 March, 1985.

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The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Stockton, O.M.

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The Rt. Hon. Lord Wilson of Rievaulx

12 March 1985

My dear Robin,

Thank you for your letter of 5 March.

I am grateful to you for letting me know the background to the BBC invitation about No. 10. I should be very happy to take part, and I am making the necessary arrangements.

Yours,
Harold

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Thank you for your letter.

I will prepare myself for a
Jones / Barraclough approach.

Yours

Robert Home

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

6 March 1985

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Dear Robin

Thank you very much for your letter of 5 March telling me about the programme being made by the BBC on the occasion of the 250th Anniversary of 10 Downing Street becoming the official residence of First Lords of the Treasury.

I have in fact received a letter from Jenny Barraclough of the BBC and have agreed to contribute to the programme.

*Yours
F.E.R.*

F.E.R. Butler Esq
Principal Private Secretary



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