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24 January 1986

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Dear Nigel

... I enclose a copy of Mr Leon Brittan's letter of resignation. We agreed that No.10 would release the two letters at about 6.00pm this evening.

Yours ever

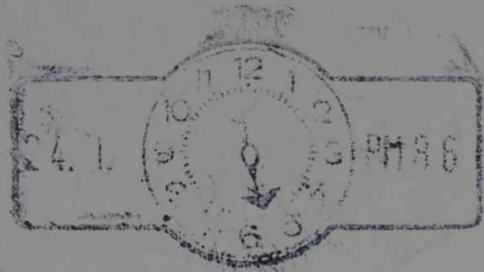
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My dear Prime Minister,

Since your statement in the House yesterday it has become clear to me that I no longer command the full confidence of my colleagues.

In these circumstances my continued membership of your Government would be a source of weakness rather than strength and, as I have explained to you, it is for this reason that I have tendered my resignation.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve in your Government successively as Minister of State at the Home Office, as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, as Home Secretary and as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

I shall of course continue to give the Government my full support from the backbenches.

It is above all vital that the crucial work of national regeneration which we were all elected to achieve should continue unimpeded.

Leon

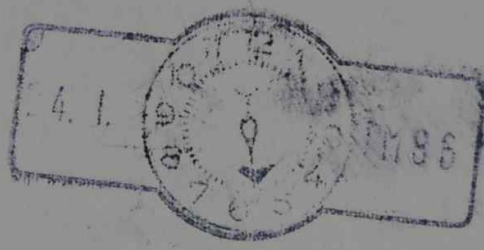
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