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Yours sincerely

Raymond Shafter

The Right Honourable Michael Foot MP



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The Right Honourable George Thomas MP

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The Right Honourable David Steel MP

Privy Council Office,
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London, S.W.1.

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With the Compliments
of
G.I. de Deney



BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

FOR DISSOLVING THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT, AND
DECLARING THE CALLING OF ANOTHER

Whereas We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament: We do, for that End, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly at the earliest time after their meeting on this day at which both Houses stand adjourned: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Members of the House of Commons, are discharged from further Attendance thereat: And We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament: and do hereby further declare, that, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, We have given Order that Our Chancellor of Great Britain and Our Secretary of State for Northern Ireland do respectively, upon Notice thereof, forthwith issue out Writs, in due Form and according to Law, for calling a new Parliament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our Realm, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellor and Secretary of State respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons who are to serve in the said Parliament to be duly returned to, and give their Attendance in, Our said Parliament on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of June next, which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty-three and in the thirty-second year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN



At the Court at Windsor Castle

THE 13TH DAY OF MAY 1983

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

Her Majesty, having been this day pleased by Her Royal Proclamation to dissolve the present Parliament and to declare the calling of another, is hereby further pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, do respectively, upon notice of this Her Majesty's Order, forthwith cause Writs to be issued in due form and according to Law for the calling of a new Parliament, to meet at the City of Westminster on Wednesday, the 15th day of June 1983; which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

N. E. Leigh



At the Court at Windsor Castle

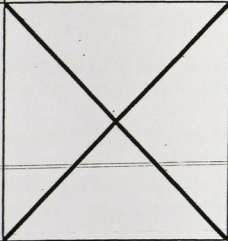
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It is this day ordered by Her Majesty in Council that the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain do cause the Great Seal to be affixed to a Proclamation of this day's date for dissolving the present Parliament, and calling another.

N. E. Leigh

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The Queen's Engagements

MAY

Wednesday, 11th	General Nursing Council Reception.
Thursday, 12th - Sunday, 15th	Royal Windsor Horse Show.
Monday, 16th	Visit to 2nd Infantry Division at Imphal Barracks, York.
Tuesday, 17th	Open new International Maritime Organisation Headquarters.
Wednesday, 18th	Lunch for President Machel of Mozambique.
Thursday, 19th	Present new Standards to Household Cavalry.
Saturday, 21st	Sail in BRITANNIA for State Visit to Sweden.
Saturday, 28th	Return to U.K.
Tuesday, 31st	Dine with Nulli Secundus Club.

JUNE

Wednesday, 1st	Derby Day.
Monday, 6th	Private visit to the Blues and Royals, Combermere Barracks, Windsor.
Tuesday, 7th - Friday, 10th	State Visit by President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka.
Wednesday, 8th	Reception for World Cup Cricket teams.
Thursday, 9th	South of England Show at Ardingly.

F.E.R. Butler, Esq.

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Sir Neville Leigh

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IMMEDIATE
IN CONFIDENCE

9th May 1983

I am sending with this letter the customary advance skeleton drafts of a Proclamation dissolving Parliament and an Order in Council directing the issue of Writs.

The drafts follow precedent. If anyone has any comments, perhaps he will let me know.

I am copying this letter and its enclosures to the Permanent Secretaries at the Lord Chancellor's, Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Offices, Robin Butler and Murdo MacLean.

Sir Brian Cubbon, K.C.B.,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate,
London,
SW1H 9AT

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ELIZABETH R.

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9 MAY 1965

