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General Election: Messages of Congratulation

In your letter of 13 June <sup>with PRC?</sup> you asked whether the Prime Minister should reply to messages of congratulation from, among others, "King Leka I of Albania" and the Chairman of the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists, Munich.

We would advise that the Prime Minister should not reply to these two messages.

Although Britain has had no diplomatic relations with Albania since before the War, we recognise the People's Republic of Albania. King Leka, the son of King Zog, lives in exile in France and has no links with the Albanian Government.

It would not be appropriate for the Prime Minister to reply to a body such as the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists in Munich whose purpose is to end the rule of a government we recognise (however much we deplore some of its activities) in part of its territory.

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