



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

I have spoken  
to Nigel and he  
would prefer this  
à la carte, which is  
fine by me.

Alex

From The Rt Hon The Lord Lawson PC



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