

Personal

Prime Minister

(from Sir Ian Gurn)

8th April 1962.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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I think I understand a little of the loneliness of your task and of the enormity of the responsibility which you carry.

The purpose of this note is just to remind you that there are many of us who, whatever the future holds in store, will be forever thankful for having had the privilege of knowing to help the finest chief, the most resolute and far sighted leader and the humblest and most considerate friend that any man could hope to serve.

A. MacIntyre



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(from Ian Gow)

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House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

8th April 1982

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Affectionately,
Ian