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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 November 1983

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My dear Professor Graveson.

Your letter of 9 November is wonderful news.

The honour and delight which I feel in having been elected an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn is made all the more special by your own kind words.

I have asked my office to contact your Chambers to arrange for you to come in and tell me all about it, as you so kindly suggest.

Lows sincerely A Thatites

Professor Ronald Graveson, C.B.E., Q.C.





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From the Principal Private Secretary

12 May, 1983

Now that the timing of the General Election is clear, it may be helpful if I reply to your letter of 15 April about the timing of your kind suggestion that you should propose the Prime Minister for election as an Honorary Bencher at Gray's Inn. As you know, the Prime Minister would be delighted to accept this proposal provided that it can be done outside the General Election atmosphere.

Mr and Mrs Thatcher are now planning to dine with you at Gray's Inn on Monday, 18 July. Thereafter, the most convenient course that would be consistent with the provisional plan which you and I discussed would be for the election to take place during the Michaelmas Term. Unless you let me know to the contrary, I will brief the Prime Minister to assume that this is the timing which you have in mind.

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Professor Ronald Graveson CBE QC