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From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO

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Dear Prime Minister,

I gave you one of the messages that John Melmer asked me to convey to you the other day.

The other was that, if it was agreeable to you, he would very much like to invite you to Blyndebrowne this year; his proposal is to invite you and Denis, and Serena and me. I promised to find out, and let him know in time for him to make a booking, which he will have to do this coming week.

Caroline tells me that you are already going to Rosenkavalier. You won't want to go back to her, I dare say. Would you like to choose from the others, which are

Haydn

La Fedeltà Pennicci

Mozart

Seaglio

Zauberflöte [- not - a favourite of mine.]

← Verdi

Falstaff - how to go to this

The Magic Flute is the David Kovács production from 1978, which was very highly praised; and the Falstaff is a beautiful production by Jean-Pierre Ronvelle.

If you will choose the opera, I will discuss dates with Caroline: I expect a weekend will be best. That is, assuming that you are in principle in favour.
Yours ever Robert