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THE PRIME MINISTER

*Dear Peter*

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Your old Cabinet colleagues continue to miss you very much; and I thought that you might like to see what was recorded in the Cabinet minutes at the first meeting after you had left us. It reads as follows:

"THE PRIME MINISTER said that the Cabinet would wish to record its profound regret and sense of loss at the resignation of Lord Carrington. All his colleagues would respect the sense of honour which prompted his decision, but would greatly miss his judgment and wisdom. He had served his country with distinction and devotion in many capacities, and was among the greatest of her Foreign Secretaries. All his colleagues would hope that the day would come when he would be able to join them again.

The Cabinet -

Agreed to record its profound regret and sense of loss at the resignation of Lord Carrington, and unanimously endorsed what the Prime Minister had said".

The regret and sense of loss are as vivid today as they were then.

*Yours ever*

*Harold*

\* And me most of all.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., M.C.

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