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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Alf.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of 2 February about the Chairmanship of the NCB. It was kind of you to let me have your advice on this very important subject and I will certainly bear in mind what you say when decisions are being taken on the successor to Sir Derek Ezra. I shall also show your letter to Nigel Lawson, and I know that he will find it very helpful.

I will make time to have a word with you personally. Your conclusion seems to me to be absolutely right, provided the man with the right qualifications also has the right kind of personality.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Robens of Woldingham

You will know the people whose names we could consider.

Yours sincerely
Raymond

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