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Sir George PORTER

10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

23 October 1980

The Prime Minister has written to you to express her own thanks for your hospitality during our visit to the Royal Institution. May I add my own thanks for an immensely enjoyable occasion, which proved to be a great success.

After the visit, the Prime Minister told me that she would very much like to read a biography of Faraday when she has time to do so - which, I suspect, will not be before the Christmas Recess. I wonder whether I might ask you for advice on which of the many biographies would be the best for this purpose. Ideally, it should be both scholarly and readable, and still in print. I should be very grateful if you could let me have one or more suggestions, since the Prime Minister was fascinated by what she learned about Faraday during her visit and does very much want to follow it up.

NJS

Professor Sir George Porter, FRS.



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From the Private Secretary

15 October 1980

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE ROYAL INSTITUTION

The Prime Minister will be paying a short and informal visit to the Royal Institution on Wednesday 22 October. This visit arises because of her personal interest in the research which Sir George Porter is carrying out.

I should be grateful if you could let me have a very short note about any current dealings between the Government and the Royal Institution. I am not aware of any problems at the moment, but if there are any we ought to forewarn the Prime Minister.

May we please have something from you by 1200 on Tuesday 21 October?

N. J. SANDERS

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