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10 DOWNING STREET

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

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Thank you for your minute of 12 May suggesting that I write to Professor Graveson about the Election of the Prime Minister as an Honorary Bencher of Gray's Inn. This was very useful and I have written accordingly.

✓ Could you please have a word with Alan Davies-Jones about the filing of these papers. As well as filing them on papers about the engagement of the Prime Minister to dine at Gray's Inn, it would be useful if a copy of the sets of papers both about Gray's Inn and about the Royal Society were kept on a file dealing with the policy on honorary appointments accepted by the Prime Minister, so that if similar proposals come up in the future we will know what the policy has been in these two particular cases.

R.R.B.

12 May, 1983

MR. BUTLER

HONORARY BENCHER OF GRAYS INN

The Prime Minister has been nominated for election as a Fellow of the Royal Society and the above.

Please see a copy of the Prime Minister's letter to Sir Andrew Huxley of the Royal Society.

Do you wish to write in similar terms to Grays Inn?

*William*

12 May 1983