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THE PRIME MINISTER

12 November 1984

Dear John,

Since our discussion this morning I have decided that it really would be embarrassing vis-à-vis President Koivisto if I were to leave in the middle of my dinner for him to come down to the House for your winding up speech. I shall have to make a speech myself at dinner and it seems bound to come at just the moment when you will be on your feet. I am sure that you will understand.

I am writing to Peter Shore to explain my absence.

Yours

Raymond

The Right Honourable John Biffen, M.P.

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Dear Mr Shore

I very much regret that I shall not be in the House for the winding up speeches in the Debate on the Address. I am giving a dinner in honour of the President of Finland who is on an official visit here, which means making a speech myself at just about the time you speak.

The official visit had been fixed for a considerable time. I am so sorry to miss the

Please excuse me.

customary wind-up speeches.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Staiti?

The Right Honourable Peter Shore, M.P.

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