



10 DOWNING STREET

5 November 1985

Dear Helen,

I now enclose a copy of The Queen's
Speech signed by Her Majesty for the State
Opening of Parliament.

*Yours ever
Nicky Roche*

Miss Nicky Roche
Parliamentary Clerk

Miss H Tuffs
Lord Chancellor's Office

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH ON THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY, 6TH NOVEMBER, 1985

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

I look forward with great pleasure to receiving His Highness the Amir of Qatar, their Majesties the King and Queen of Spain and the President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Freifrau von Weizsaecker on State Visits during the next 12 months.

I also look forward to paying a State Visit to Nepal in February, followed by visits to New Zealand and Australia and to paying a State Visit to China and visiting Hong Kong in October.

My Government continue to attach the highest importance to the maintenance of national security and the preservation of peace with freedom and justice. They will continue to play a full and active part in the Atlantic Alliance and to enhance the United Kingdom's own defences. They will make vigorous efforts to combat international terrorism.

My Government will continue to work for progress in arms control and disarmament negotiations and for greater co-operation and trust between East and West.

My Government welcome the accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Community and will introduce the necessary legislation. Within the Community, they will work for improved decision taking, strengthened co-operation on foreign policy, early completion of the common market, improvements in world trade rules and reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.

While honouring their undertakings to the people of the Falkland Islands, my Government will continue to seek more normal relations with Argentina. They will also continue to discharge their obligations to the people of Hong Kong; and will propose provisions to implement the nationality arrangements arising from the Sino-British Joint Declaration.

My Government will work for peaceful and fundamental change in South Africa with the European Community and the Commonwealth: for the restoration of peace and stability in Lebanon; and for solutions to the conflict between Iraq and Iran and the Arab/Israel dispute. They will seek to restore an independent and non-aligned Afghanistan. They will support United Nations efforts for a settlement in Cyprus, and those of the Contadora Group to resolve the tensions in Central America.

My Government will give full support to the Commonwealth, and play a constructive role at the United Nations. They will maintain a substantial aid programme; play their part in the relief of famine and of other disasters; and encourage investment in developing countries.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Estimates for the Public Service will be laid before you.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Within the framework of firm monetary and fiscal policies designed to secure a continuing reduction in inflation, my Government will do all in their power to encourage the growth of new jobs. Firm control of public expenditure will be maintained, with a view to diminishing its share of overall national output and facilitating further reductions in the burden of income tax.

My Government will pursue vigorously their programme of privatisation, as a means both of improving the efficiency of the industries concerned, and of encouraging wider share ownership. Measures will be introduced to permit the transfer of the assets of the British Gas Corporation to the private sector and to enable the Atomic Energy Authority to operate as a trading fund from 1st April 1986 with a capital structure and borrowing powers.

A Bill will be proposed to introduce private capital into the British Airports Authority, to require larger local authority airports to be formed into companies, and to regulate certain airport activities.

My Government will bring forward legislation to introduce commercial management to my Naval Dockyards, as a significant contribution to encouraging a commercial approach and securing value for money in spending on defence.

Legislation will be introduced to facilitate funding by the industry of agricultural research, advice and related services; and to implement European Community arrangements to protect areas of particular environmental sensitivity.

Measures will be introduced to establish a new regulatory framework for the financial services sector, which will enhance its efficiency and competitiveness whilst providing greater safeguards for the interests of investors, and to modernise and liberalise the law governing Building Societies.

Measures will be brought forward to reform the operation of Wages Councils, to make provisions concerning the payment of wages and to amend the law on sex discrimination in employment.

Legislation will be introduced to encourage the sale of public sector flats to their tenants and wider private sector involvement in the ownership and management of council housing, and to improve the planning system.

For Scotland, Bills will be introduced to extend the rights of public sector tenants and to facilitate the private ownership of public sector housing stock, to improve legal aid arrangements, and to modify and extend the management structure of salmon fisheries, including further measures to combat illegal salmon fishing throughout Great Britain.

In Northern Ireland my Government will continue to support the security forces in enforcing the law and in working for the eradication of terrorism. They will seek widely acceptable arrangements for the devolution of power. They will seek to improve further their co-operation with the Government of the Irish Republic. Renewed efforts will be made to create and sustain employment, particularly by the encouragement of the private sector.

A Bill will be introduced to reform social security.

Legislation will be introduced for England and Wales to improve the management of schools and to promote the professional effectiveness of teachers.

Measures will be introduced to strengthen the powers of the police in combating disorder, to modernise and codify the common law public order offences in England and Wales and to provide the courts in England and Wales with power to confiscate the proceeds of drug trafficking and to penalise the handling of such proceeds.

A Bill will be introduced to remove statutory restrictions on shop opening hours.

A Bill will be brought before you to make new provision for the protection of animals used for experimental or other scientific purposes.

Other measures will be laid before you.

MY LORDS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

5 November 1985

Dear Mr Molyneux,

The Prime Minister has asked me to send you, in confidence, the enclosed advance copy of The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament.

Yours sincerely

Tim Flesher

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The Rt Hon James H Molyneux JP MP

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5 November 1985

Dear Mr Steel,

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Yours sincerely

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Tim Flesher

The Rt Hon David Steel MP

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From the Private Secretary

5 November 1985

Dear Dr Owen,

The Prime Minister has asked me to send you, in confidence, the enclosed advance copy of The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament.

Yours sincerely

T. F.

Tim Flesher

The Rt Hon David Owen MP

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

5th November, 1985.

Dear Tim,

Thank you for your letter of 4th November 1985 enclosing two copies of The Queen's Speech at the Opening of Parliament. I am returning one copy signed by Her Majesty.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Glanville

Tim Flesher, Esq.

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10 DOWNING STREET

4 November 1985

Dear Helen,

I enclose one special and 2 ordinary copies of The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament for the Lord Chancellor's use.

I will send the special copy signed by Her Majesty to you as soon as possible.

*Yours ever
Nicky Roche*

Miss Nicky Roche
Parliamentary Clerk

Miss H Tuffs
Lord Chancellor's Office
House of Lords

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CABINET OFFICE

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4 November 1985

Dear Wicks,

I enclose 3 special and 210 ordinary copies of The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament. These are for distribution in accordance with the usual arrangements which are shown on the enclosed distribution list.

yours sincerely,
Mike Eland

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THE QUEEN'S SPEECH ON THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT 1985

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DESPATCH AND DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES

Copies of the Speech despatched from the Cabinet Office on 4 November 1985 for further distribution by recipients as follows -

Recipients	No of Copies	For distribution to -
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister	210+3 Special copies (The Queen's copies)	Her Majesty The Queen (2 Special - one to be signed and returned, the other to be retained) Private Secretary to the Lord Chancellor (signed copy + one Special and 2 Ordinary) for Lord Chancellor Leader of the Opposition (2) Leader of the Liberal Party (1) Leader of the SDP (1) Leader of the Ulster Unionists (1) Advance release to Press (200)
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Private Secretary to the Leader of the House of Commons	10+2 Stiff	Leader of the House (2) Mr Speaker (1 Stiff) Clerk at the Table (1 Stiff) Editor of Official Report (Commons) (2) Clerk of the Journals (2)
Private Secretary to the Chief Whip	25	For Mover and Seconder, House of Commons and for issue to Opposition Front Bench

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PRIME MINISTER

In previous years we have sent the leaders of the opposition parties a copy of the Queen's Speech 24 hours in advance of the ceremony.

Agree to the same procedure this year?

AT Yes not

4 November 1985

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 November 1985

Dear Philip,

I enclose two copies of The Queen's Speech on the Opening of Parliament.

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange for one copy to be signed by Her Majesty The Queen and then returned to me for the ceremony on Wednesday. The second copy is for you to keep.

Tim

Tim

Tim Flesher

The Rt Hon Sir Philip Moore GCVO KCB CMG

MRS LAWSON
MISS ROBILLIARD
MR TAYLOR
SUPERVISOR CUSTODY GUARDS
POLICE
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DUTY GARDEN ROOM GIRL
DUTY MESSENGER
DUTY TELEPHONIST

(separate copies)

STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

You may wish to know that a full rehearsal of the procession for the State Opening of Parliament will take place on 1 November. The head of the procession will cross Horse Guards Parade at about 0615 hrs. The procession will return across Horse Guards Parade some time after 0700 hrs.

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31 October, 1985