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Prime Minister

Agree attached reply? 17 December 1984

Dear Charles,

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Christian A Herter Memorial Award

Your letter of 10 December asked for advice on the invitation from the Boston World Affairs Council for the Prime Minister to accept the Christian A Herter Memorial Award for significant contribution to better international understanding.

We understand from the Embassy in Washington that this award is presented each year by the Boston Council to leaders who have made significant contributions in international affairs. It is named after the former Governor of Massachusetts who served as Secretary of State under President Eisenhower. Past recipients of the Award have included Elliot Richardson, Henry Kissinger, Robert MacNamara, President Carter, Averill Harriman and President Sadat. Lord Carrington was offered the Award but had to decline it following his resignation in 1982.

Our recommendation, with which the Embassy concurs, is that the Prime Minister should accept the Award. We assume there is no prospect of her being able to accept the Award in person in Boston in March; this could however be done either through presentation to the Prime Minister in London by representatives of the Council or through Sir Oliver Wright at an occasion in Boston. I attach a draft telegram asking the Consul General in Boston, through Washington, to reply on these lines.

Yours ever,

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