

PRIME MINISTER

*Delivered*  
I attach a copy of a letter which I am sending to all our Whips with area responsibilities. May I take it that you have no objection to my using your room in the House of Commons when you are not there to carry through a series of these small, informal drinks parties?

I will, of course, supply the drinks at my own expense.

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MICHAEL ALISON

*No - at my  
expense. The  
whip in there and  
order whatever  
is necessary.*

*The account comes  
to me  
no*



10 DOWNING STREET

7th February, 1986

With the Chief Whip's approval, and that of the Prime Minister, I am proposing to invite a number of backbench colleagues in smallish groups to come and have a drink with me in the Prime Minister's room in the House. The idea is to help to make those backbenchers who feel a bit left out of things, and who think they have too little contact either with me or the Prime Minister, to feel more involved.

It would be a great help to me if you could mark on the attached list of Members those from your own area to whom you think I should give some priority. I will of course let you know whom I invite and on what occasion, and you might yourself care to join us when colleagues from your own area are to be present.

MICHAEL ALISON

c.c. Chief Whip