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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
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*Dear Margaret,*

You asked me to let you know how the tax simplification proposals we discussed were progressing.

John Isaac, one of the deputy chairmen of the Board has given considerable encouragement; so also has Brian Davenport who is the Law Commissioner concerned with tax law consolidation.

The next step seems to be to approach the new Financial Secretary when he has had an opportunity to study the file and which John Isaac says should be in a week or two's time.

In the meantime, I have undertaken some consolidation as well as simplification work, starting this time at the beginning of the 1970 Act. It has reinforced my conviction that given the necessary minimum support from the Revenue I could drastically shorten and simplify the income tax and corporation tax provisions, as well as consolidating them, in much less time than the four years it is estimated that mere consolidation will take.

I hope I may come and see you for a few minutes when you are back.

It was a happy chance to run into Dennis the other day.

Best wishes and bon voyage!

*Yours truly,*

*PMBR*

Peter M.B. Rowland.