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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet 6 February 199240th Anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne

You will wish to remind the Cabinet that 6 February 1992 is the 40th anniversary of The Queen's Accession to the Throne. In inviting them to send Her Majesty their good wishes on this occasion you may wish to draw on the following points:

2. The Queen has indicated that this should be regarded as an ordinary anniversary and not a Jubilee. She has not, therefore, sought to promote extensive public celebrations nor encouraged the Government to organise any State occasion.

3. Nevertheless, the 40th anniversary is a special event which the Government and Parliament should mark in an appropriate way. (Soundings indicate that a Humble Address would not be favoured by the Palace.)

4. You therefore intend to send Her Majesty the Cabinet's warmest good wishes, and to refer to this at Prime Minister's Questions on 6 February in the following terms:

"At the Cabinet meeting today Her Majesty's Ministers agreed that I should convey to Her Majesty our warmest good wishes on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne. This was in recognition of the incomparable contribution Her Majesty has made to the life of our nation throughout Her reign." ~~I know that the House and millions of our fellow citizens will share these sentiments."~~

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The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Ashdown and the Speaker
have been forewarned of the proposal.

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