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Dear Prime Minister.

I hope this email finds you in the best of health.

I watched your final speech from the dispatch box this week, and I have to say it made me very emotional. I still find it odd that a Prime Minister with a majority of 80 seats, and at least two years until the next election, can be forced to resign in this way. However, I hope it brings you some comfort to remember that my great heroine, Margaret Thatcher, was removed from office in the same way. Now, she is revered as the greatest Prime Minister of the last century apart from Sir Winston Churchill.

In time, history will record that you have done everything you promised to do. You came to power promising to get Brexit done and – although I voted to remain – I was very pleased to see that you kept your word to the British people. You also did a magnificent job during the pandemic, particularly in the roll-out of the vaccination programme (which saved so many lives) and the furlough scheme (which saved so many jobs). Finally, last but not least, let us not forget that you also won a Conservative majority on a scale not seen for 40 years. This is a truly a legacy to be proud of.

I really enjoyed all the meetings we had, whether in-person or via Zoom. I hope that, now you are free of the burdens of high office, we will be able to see you more often. I also hope you realise that, in me, you have a true friend and admirer.

Rosemary joins me in sending you and all your family our warmest wishes and fond affection.

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