

PRIME MINISTER

Lord Boyd-Carpenter has asked if he could read out a message from you when the Carlton Club (of which he is Chairman) entertain Harold Macmillan for dinner on February 14th.

I have drafted the attached for your approval and signature. (You will understand why I have included John Boyd-Carpenter's name in the message.)

Steve

STEPHEN SHERBOURNE

8th February, 1984

Thank you very

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

My thoughts are with you all tonight as you celebrate the 90th birthday of a very great man.

Harold Macmillan has lived under six British monarchs. He has witnessed the transition from the British Empire to Britain in Europe. And he has seen the transformation of Britain into a prosperous nation. But more, he has been a major force in bringing about these changes. It has been his breadth of spirit and strength of purpose which has helped create modern Britain.

And as we enter the age of information technology, he still shows the same mental agility and enthusiasm as ever.

The Conservatives are in his debt - not least myself, as he gave me my first Ministerial job working under John Boyd-Carpenter.

Denis and I send Harold Macmillan our warmest congratulations on his 90th birthday.

Margaret Thatcher

February 1984