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From: Rush, Peter
Sent: Monday, 27 March 2023 6:54 PM
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Many thanks Paul

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Cheers - Rush

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Thanks for this.

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With best wishes,

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Good afternoon Peter,

Thank you for your phone call yesterday confirming that the PMO were supportive of Sir Peter acting as Administrator during the period 30 April to 10 May.

Sir Peter has confirmed that he is available.

Accordingly, grateful if you could please arrange the necessary correspondence from the Prime Minister to The King, which I would be happy to forward to the Palace in the usual manner.

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