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10 DOWNING STREET
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From the Principal Private Secretary

16 June 1988

I attach a letter from **Name Redacted** regarding Sir Nicholas Fairbairn MP.

Subject to any comments that you may have, I propose to seek the Prime Minister's approval for me to reply to **Name Redacted** in the terms of the draft attached. Could you please provide the name of the authority - is it the Police? - to whom **Name Redacted** should address her concerns. If there is any background to the alleged incident referred to by **Name Redacted** which you think the Prime Minister ought to have, perhaps you could let me have a note.

If this letter ought to be directed to the Lord Advocate's Department, I should be grateful if you could forward it to them.

Please could I have a reply by Friday 24 June.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

N. L. WICKS

David Crawley, Esq.
Scottish Office

DRAFT REPLY FROM NIGEL WICKS TO Name Redacted

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 13 June. I am sorry not to have sent you a reply before now, but the Prime Minister's visit to the Economic Summit in Toronto has delayed it.

The Prime Minister's practice is not to comment on names which appear in the Honours Lists. As regards the allegations made in your letter, these are not matters for the Prime Minister, but for [.....].

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DPA

Tel No. **DPA**

Mrs M. Thatcher,
10 Downing Street,
London.

13th June 1988

Dear Madam,

Mr N. Fairbairn, M.P. Fordell Castle, Fordell Estate, By Dunfermline.

Since the announcement of the Queens Birthday Honours List I feel I must write to ask you why Mr Fairbairn should get away with assault, and then receive a Knighthood.

On the evening of Saturday 13th September 1986 at 6.50p.m. my daughter Name Redacted was returning home. Mr Fairbairn approached Name Redacted, shouted and repeatedly swore at her and struck her across the face and chest. The Police were called, and they interviewed six witnesses who confirmed Name Redacted story. The Police Sergeant from Dalgety Bay Station would not go to Mr Fairbairns home on the Saturday evening. He said he preferred to wait until the Sunday when Mr Fairbairn would have sobered up. The Police Sergeant said he did not want to remain a "tea boy" for the rest of his working life. The police returned on the Sunday and informed us that all the details would be forwarded to the Procurator Fiscal in Dunfermline, but since this incident we have been unable to find out what is happening.

My family and myself are extremely concerned about this situation, and we are now wondering if there is one law for M.P's and another law for members of the public. I have supported the Conservative Party since I was old enough to vote, but I am very distressed when I see this man getting away with behaviour which is no better than that of a football hooligan.

I trust that you will look into this matter, and I look forward to receiving your reply.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

DPA

Name Redacted