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*Dear Prime Minister.*

Thank you for your letter of 1st February, which I received with some astonishment.

It was quite clear from the last occasion organised by your predecessor that the defence briefing was purely factual, whatever our differing opinions on defence policy may be. But I am grateful that the decision of the Leader of the Opposition not to take part will not affect its being held.

*Yours sincerely,  
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*P.S. No reply needed  
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