



Your Excellency.

I have received with much pleasure your letter of the Fifth of February in which you extend an invitation to Me to attend the Ceremonies in Santiago to mark your appointment as President of the Republic of Chile.

I warmly appreciate Your kind invitation. However, I am sure that Your Excellency will understand that I am already committed to a full programme of engagements this year. I greatly regret that, as a consequence, it will not be possible for Me to accept this invitation. I shall, therefore, command the Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, the Lord President of the Council, to represent Me at the celebrations following your Inauguration.

I take this opportunity to express My good wishes for the health and happiness of Your Excellency, and for the prosperity of Your country and the people of Chile.

Your good Friend

Elizabeth

Buckingham Palace,
28th February, 1990.