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Dear Sir Christopher

I am grateful for your earlier confirmation that as one of Her Majesty's Officers in Scotland, I have the honour and the privilege of being able to fly the Royal Banner at any time at Government buildings in which I am undertaking my appointed role as First Minister and Keeper of the Great Seal.

I have previously written about arrangements for flying the Banner of the Royal Arms on St Andrew's Day and nominated flag days associated with Royal Anniversaries as a symbol of the affection in which Her Majesty is held by the people of Scotland. I have been struck by the interest and enthusiasm of the people's response.

I have recently been giving thought to how best to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. I intend, as part of Scotland's celebrations, to fly the Banner of the Royal Arms at St Andrew's House more frequently this year to reflect the affection for Her Majesty in this historic year of jubilee.

I trust this is acceptable to Her Majesty.

*Yr. fr. Scotland
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