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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear John

Thank you for your letter regarding a live television debate with the other party leaders ahead of the General Election.

As I said during my recent interview on Sky News, the Government is focussed on how we deal with the pressing policy issues that face the country today. We are working relentlessly to help the UK economy, to help young people into work and education, to continue with our reform of the health service, to support our troops in Afghanistan and ensuring we defeat the Taleban.

As you know, I've always been prepared to debate with people about any important issues we face. Of course, there will come a time to focus on the General Election and I will consider yours and other proposals at the right time.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Brown

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