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The Rt. Hon. Malcolm Rifkind QC, MP
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Sir,

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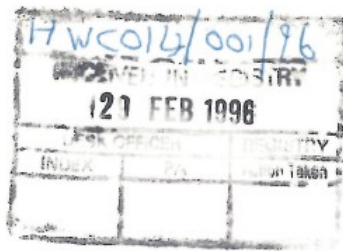
8. Politically, 1995 saw the ruffling of some feathers. My predecessor stripped Thomas Jefferson of his role as Leader of Government Business. He also removed his portfolios of Environment and Planning, leaving him with Tourism and Aviation which he assumed from Truman Bodden though the latter retained responsibility for Cayman Airways. Jefferson took his demotion hard. He did not attend Government House functions nor any of my predecessor's farewells. But this is now behind us and my relations with him are good. He is by far the best leader and speaker. He is also the most politically astute of the five ministers.

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Thomas Jefferson relieved of his position as Leader of Government Business and his ministerial responsibilities reshuffled.



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5. I have found Tom Jefferson to be most helpful and co-operative in my first three months. This has been both encouraging and a little surprising in view of the total breakdown in relationships between him and Michael Gore since April 1995, following the removal of some of Jefferson's responsibilities. It is clear that his previous ill feelings were personal to Michael Gore and not to the Governor's office in general.

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