

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

15th March, 1976

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Thank you very much for your letter of 12th March. The Queen has agreed that the certificate should contain her facsimile signature. Her Majesty thought, however, that the idea of a message was not altogether appropriate in the circumstances, and while she has no objection to the certificate being re-designed (and would indeed be glad to see the design before it is finalised), she feels equally that its format should be much as it is now, certifying the award of The Queen's Badge.

When you have reached the appropriate stage, I shall be able to provide you with a block containing the facsimile signature.

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The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine.