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Dear Mr Bailey

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary of State of 1 March, about the naming of what is currently Downing Street.

I have noted the contents of your letter, but I should point out that my Secretary of State has no powers to change street names, even if he thought it was appropriate or desirable to do so. The naming of streets in the part of London concerned is I believe the responsibility of Westminster City Council, to which I see you have copied your letter.

Yours sincerely

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