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Dear Prime Minister,

Personal Preparations for a No-Deal Brexit

I am writing to you as a British citizen who is about to be put through an untested and unapproved process by the British Government. It is a process I did not sign up for (and, I believe, nobody has been able to sign up for); but we are nonetheless about to be subjected to this poorly anticipated, and therefore largely unplanned, event. I refer, of course, to a No-Deal Brexit.

I do not ask for the evidence of why you feel this process is necessary or supported by the UK population, I have a much simpler request: what should I, personally, do to prepare?

Your government is spending a large amount of money in an attempt to mitigate the worst effects that will be produced by leaving the EU without any identifiable plan for the future, and you are also instructing UK businesses on what they can do to reduce the economic shock of Brexit for themselves and the State. You clearly believe that a No-Deal Brexit is a major and defining event in the history of the UK; yet you have, so far, given the citizens of this country no indication of how they should be preparing for their own B-day. So I ask again: what should I, personally, do to prepare?

I hope that, in your reply, you will address several specific points which, I believe, will help me to personally mitigate the effects of Brexit.

1. What goods should I stockpile? I have heard that there is no available warehouse space left, so the logical solution is to get people to stockpile in their own homes. But what should I include in my stockpile?
2. Where should I place my money? Obviously, the UK economy will be taking a hit from this process, but are there areas of the economy where the "hit" from Brexit will be less? Are you able to recommend UK industries I can safely support, or should I just transfer all my funds out of the UK? As these funds include my pension, it is vital that I am able to make correct decisions based on reliable information.

3. What steps are the British Government intending to take in the event of a breakdown of law and order, and what will be expected of citizens in that circumstance? Should I begin my application for an Irish passport to ensure my personal safety after Brexit?

Please do not treat this letter frivolously, it is a serious request. I am a UK pensioner who has lived through many economic and political upheavals, and I have never before felt the need to ask the three questions above. A No-Deal Brexit is of a different order from all the chaotic events I have lived through in the past, and exceptional chaos requires exceptional planning. I know you hope your preparations for a No-Deal Brexit will be sufficient, but you provide no evidence that this will be the case. Which means that every individual should be making their own preparations. The answers to the questions above are what I need to make mine.

Yours sincerely

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