Little Chalfont 2023. CHALLENS GREEN, CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. December 30th. 1948. Dear Mr Hillman, I am very much obliged to you for your kind letter of December 22nd. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to have been able to come to the dinner you have planned, but my engagements in London are such in the coming term that it will be quite impossible for me to get away. I am sure you will understand and pardon my inability to come. Yours sincerely, Noman Birkett.