DEAR SIR FRED...
HOW ONE (FICTITIOUS) MAN’S LETTERS CHEERED UP BRITAIN’S EMBATTLED LEADERS IN 2009

Sir Fred Goodwin

12 October 2009

Dear Mr. Nugerbo,

It was very kind of you to send me “Diary of a Nobody” which I am looking forward to reading. The sentiments behind your choice of title is one which I thoroughly endorse.

My pictures of the year
By Martin Parr, Terry O’Neill and Alison Jackson

Literature’s staggering genius
Publishing powerhouse Dave Eggers
It's easy to go shoot an art movie in a winery in the south of France. But people have no idea how hard it is to create something like ‘Transformers’

Film director Michael Bay JUNE

I have heard of reports of people throwing swine flu parties. I don't think it is a good idea

Dr Richard Jarvis, chairman of the BMA's public health committee JUNE

Didn't you write 'Nobody Does it Better' about me too?

Simon Cowell to You're So Vain singer Carly Simon JULY

Chitchat

What Bill Clinton and Kim Jong Il talked about at dinner AUGUST

Sex, drugs and rock and roll

Wolf Hall author Hilary Mantel on how she'll spend the £50,000 bonus that comes with her Man Booker prize OCTOBER

You ever watch that TV series 'Mad Men?' Great television. Good drama... The way women were treated is appalling, and only occasionally funny to me

Bill Clinton NOVEMBER

Women can't rise far enough to suit me. I'm a gynocrat - I'd like rule by women

Martin Amis NOVEMBER

This film is nothing more than a moral vacuum with a deviant message

A Vatican review of Twilight NOVEMBER

I always remind people from outside our state that there is plenty of room for all Alaska's animals - right next to the mashed potatoes

Sarah Palin NOVEMBER