

MRS GOODCHILD

10 DOWNING STREET

7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1979.

Dear Sir Fred,

Just a note to  
say thank you for your very  
kind letter.

I remember the earlier letter -  
we were right then and I think I  
am on the right line's now.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

R5/12,

Cockley Moor, Dockray, Penrith, Cumbria

4 Dec 1979

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

My excuse for writing is that our paths crossed obliquely some years ago when I was the Chairman of the Anglo-Australian Telescope Board.

On that occasion you did a great thing for British astronomers in your 'confrontation' with Mr Malcolm Fraser.

Perhaps I may express the way my wife and I feel about your more recent and much larger scale problems?

The results to have come so far out of the EEC and Rhodesia issues have seemed to us details, of much less consequence (to us as citizens) than

The outstanding fact that your Government  
has acted with candour and courage.

For too long we have felt ourselves  
to be living under slippery government,  
with the nation little better than a  
house built on wet clay. We very  
much hope you will continue as you  
have begun.

Yours sincerely  
Sir Fred Hoyle