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THE PRIME MINISTER

25th Feb. 1950.

My dear Bishop,

Thank you for your kind and understanding letter. In the absence of an obvious national crisis, the task of trying to make people wise to the best that is within them is indeed a difficult one. I remember that George Bernard Shaw once said "Freedom incurs responsibilities - that's why so many men fear it". He was right. Yes if doing the wrong thing, if encouraging people to think that they had the rights and some of the obligations, have confused a whole generation and compromised traditional values.

I can only start by speaking to the best in people - I know it is still there and in abundance.

It was so kind of you to write - the only things I fear are loss of courage and faith.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher