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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear

Prime Minister,

I am sure you will understand the great distress within British sports organisations at the apparent rift that has developed between the voluntary bodies responsible for the control of sport in this country and Her Majesty's Government.

It has been and remains our firm intention to co-operate with the Government of the day as we believe that only through partnership and understanding can real success in our field of interest be achieved.

Naturally recent events have highlighted the problem of co-ordinating the actions of sports bodies with the policies of Government and the CCPR has been particularly concerned that such important developments as the Gleneagles Agreement, the UK/USSR Memorandum of Understanding and indeed the proposal to boycott the Olympic Games were decisions which Government reached without any reasonable consultation with the voluntary sporting bodies affected by these decisions.

I am writing to ask therefore if at a convenient time it might be possible for you to receive a small delegation from the CCPR in order that we can discuss the principles involved and hopefully reach a situation where Government and sport can be seen to be working in harmony.

Very sincerely

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