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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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My dear President,

For me, and I hope for you too, our discussions yesterday were enjoyable and worthwhile. Despite the few problems which persist I believe we have set relations between our two countries on the right path.

I am grateful to you for your generous hospitality, and for the evident care which had been taken with the arrangements.

I look forward to our next meeting, and to discussing with you and, I trust, Helmut Schmidt the way ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Valery Giscard d'Estaing

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Monsieur Chaban-Delmas.

I write to you in your dual capacity as Mayor of Bordeaux and as host at last night's dinner, to tell you how much I enjoyed both my all too brief visit to your city and the dinner itself. I am most grateful to you for having made the two events possible. It was a great pleasure to see you again and to have had the opportunity of discussing so many topics of mutual interest.

Please give my kindest regards to Madame Chaban-Delmas.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Jacques Chaban-Delmas

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Prime Minister,

Your courtesy and consideration during my visit yesterday were almost overwhelming. I greatly enjoyed our conversation together both at the Matignon and later at dinner in Bordeaux. The basket of orchids with which you were kind enough to present me is one of the most splendid I have seen: it adorns my flat here as I write.

I hope that my visit and the speeches which we exchanged in Bordeaux will have helped to set Anglo/French relations on a good course for the difficult years ahead.

Yours sincerely  
Raymond Barre

His Excellency Monsieur Raymond Barre



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Dear Monsieur Verger,

I am most grateful to you for the trouble to which you and your colleagues must have gone in arranging my all too brief visit to Bordeaux yesterday evening. I greatly enjoyed myself. The splendid books which you have given me will be a permanent reminder of my visit while the wine will be a less permanent but no doubt equally enjoyable souvenir.

I should be grateful if you could pass on my particular thanks to your wife for the warmth of the welcome which she extended to me at the Hôtel du Préfet. She and her staff could not have been more helpful.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Louis Verger

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Dear Ambassador,

Although my time in Paris was, as usual, far too short, I am well aware of how much trouble you and your staff took to ensure that the visit was a success. The organisation was, of course, flawless and contributed greatly to what was, I believe, a highly successful occasion. I should be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to all those members of your staff who were involved in making and carrying out the arrangements.

Please also pass on my thanks and best wishes to your wife. I hope that my admiration for her house and its contents has not caused too much alarm!

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Sir Reginald Hibbert, K.C.M.G.

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