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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
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My dear Margaret,

I came to see you before Christmas and I explained the personal reasons for wishing to relinquish my Ministerial portfolio. As you know, I reached the decision with the greatest reluctance and sadness.

As I told you then, it was only after prolonged reflection and a period of considerable personal pressure that I came to the conclusion that this was inevitable if I was to do justice to family commitments and responsibilities following Henry's death, as well as, of course, to my constituency.

It has been a great honour to have served as a member of your Government over the past two and a half years. The inspiration of your leadership during that period is something I will always cherish. My fervent hope is that the whole country will continue to benefit from that leadership for many years to come.

Please know that you and the Government will continue to have my devoted support.

Yours Ever
Sally