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Your Highness,

I should like to thank you very warmly for all the kindness and hospitality you showed to me when I was in your country earlier this week. You made me and all my party feel very welcome, not least by the close attention which you personally extended to us. I especially enjoyed the lunch you gave for me on Sunday: it was a very pleasant occasion.

Above all, I valued the exchange of views which we were able to have when you received me at the Sief Palace. I am grateful to you for explaining so clearly your approach to the great problems of the Middle East and East/West relations. I found our meeting very helpful, and I was particularly encouraged by the success of Kuwait's initiative over the creation of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

I am only sorry that my visit was so short. I should have liked to stay longer to see more of the very impressive achievements of your country. Kuwait has indeed made great progress since my last visit eight years ago. I hope that it will not be long before we meet again.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Highness Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah

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