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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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Dear Prime Minister:

I want you to know how very much I appreciated the fine meeting with you last night, and your willingness to set aside so much time for me. I have sent to the President your very cordial and warm greetings to him, and will also convey to him in person when I return your very perceptive comments on the number of similar problems which confront both of our countries. I will also emphasize to him my own strong belief it is vital for our future, and indeed for the future of freedom, that our two countries maintain a very close, continuing special relationship, and that our visit yesterday simply reinforced for me that feeling which I have held very strongly for a number of years.

On a personal note, I must tell you also how very much I enjoyed your personally guided tour of your beautiful official home. It was very thoughtful of you to do this, particularly in view of what I know had been an extremely long day for you.

Many thanks again. I look forward very much to seeing you on the next occasion.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,