



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

9<sup>th</sup> December 1882

Your Majesty.

Long before this I should have written to thank you for your wonderful hospitality and for your thoughtful and generous gifts on the occasion of your Majesty's visit to the United Kingdom. Please forgive the delay.

Your visit was an outstanding success, acclaimed and applauded especially by all those who were privileged to meet Your Majesty.

The banquet at Hampton Court was one of the loveliest occasions we have ever attended. Not only were the surroundings so perfect because of our shared history, - but everything was done for our delight - flowers, silver, + torchlights.....and so on.

At the European Council last weekend I met Your Majesty's new Prime Minister - a most impressive, shrewd and friendly person. - a great asset to the Council.

I remain Your Majesty

Your sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher