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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 October 1980

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter of 22 September about possible candidates to succeed Roy Jenkins at the European Commission.

I have sounded out Joel Barnett and, contrary to the indications I had had earlier, he has now told me that he has no wish to be considered for Brussels.

When we met on 21 July to discuss possible Labour Party candidates, Ivor Richard's name was among those you mentioned to me. I thought I would let you know that I now propose to approach him to see whether he is interested in the appointment.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The Right Honourable James Callaghan, M.P.

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