

PM

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In the absence of the Prime Minister I am writing to thank you for your letter of 27 August and I will certainly ensure that she is aware of Mr. Garvin's visit in September.

However, I am afraid it will not be possible for a meeting to be arranged as the Prime Minister will be overseas on an official visit at the commencement of Mr. Garvin's stay and her diary for the latter part, because of a 10 day absence, is completely booked up. Will you please tell Mr. Garvin how very sorry the Prime Minister will be not to be able to see him.

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Dear Prime Minister,

As you may recall, my predecessor, Sir Austin Pearce, contacted you in the early Spring concerning the proposed visit by Mr. C.C. Garvin, Chairman of Exxon, to the U.K. at the end of September. At that time, you replied that you felt it would perhaps be a little early for a further discussion with Mr. Garvin in the light of your other commitments.

However, events have moved on and I can now confirm that Mr. Garvin will be with us in the U.K. from September 26th through September 29th. This will be part of a comprehensive European business trip which will also include France, Holland, Italy and Austria, and I was wondering whether it would be possible for you to reconsider the possibility of a short meeting with him.

I know that he greatly values an opportunity to exchange views with Heads of Governments in the countries where Exxon has major investment intentions and I believe it would be most helpful to our operations in the U.K. if you could possibly spare some time from your very busy schedule.

At the present time, Mr. Garvin's schedule while in the U.K. is flexible and we could therefore arrange any time that is suitable to you.

Yours sincerely,



A.W. FORSTER,
Chairman & Chief Executive

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