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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr Goold.

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Thank you for your letter of 15 September and I am most grateful to you for inviting me to address the CBI in Scotland next September.

I fear this is not going to be possible as my speaking programme for 1982 is very overcrowded. I am also due to go on an extensive overseas trip that month. But I would very much appreciate the opportunity of meeting some of your members. As you know, I come to Scotland each September for a weekend at Balmoral and I wonder whether you could arrange a reception - followed by a dinner with your Council. I hope you will not mind if I do not make a speech. I will in fact have to make one that week anyway as I am committed to go to a big fete in the North East of Scotland as part of SCUA's anniversary. I am not sure which weekend Balmoral will be, but it is usually the second in September which would make it the 11th/12th and I could come to you on Wednesday evening the 8th. If you agree to this idea in principle my office will of course be in touch with you again.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

The reception could include quite a lot of people - but dinner could be comparatively small so that we can have a real discussion.

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