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*Prime Minister,*

Allow me to thank you most sincerely for your letter. But above all I want to express again, on behalf of the Berliners, the great debt of gratitude we owe you for your visit to our city.

We sensed the great intensity you devoted to the strenuous schedule. Everyone felt that for you the trip to Berlin was no mere political routine task. Indeed you showed personal sympathy in receiving impressions of life and conditions in the divided city; conveyed your affection to the citizens; and took up a clear position in your political statements.

By all this you did more than merely confirm the continued commitment of the United Kingdom, together with the other Allies in Berlin. In a most impressive personal way, you strengthened the relationship of trust and the friendship existing between your country and us Berliners.

Your visit attracted much more than average attention also in the media and we in Berlin were particularly pleased about this.

Permit me to tell you that you have gained a firm place in the hearts of the Berliners. I thank you and I hope that I shall be able in the not too distant future to accept your kind invitation to visit Great Britain.

*Yours sincerely*

*Richard Weizsäcker*

The Prime Minister  
Margaret Thatcher

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