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Dear Hans,

MRS THATCHER'S VISIT

1. I understand that the initial clutch of telegrams about Mrs Thatcher's visit to North America caused some raised Ministerial eyebrows. Now that we have got almost to the stage of a firm programme we will be using telegrams as little as possible. I am in no doubt that we have a duty to do the best we can for the Leader of the Opposition. But there is no point in giving rise unnecessarily to Ministerial irritation. Perhaps the best course therefore would be to use personal telegrams if lengthy and detailed telegraphing becomes necessary again.

Yours ever,  
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