

CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT
MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

RUE DE LA LOI 200
1049 BRUSSELS - TEL. 735 80 40

Prime Minister

(2)

Ph...

25/9

PERSONAL

18th September 1979

My dear Prime Minister

L.S.

I should like to thank you for giving me so generously of your time, especially after returning from Lancaster House, when we met last week. I should also like to say how much I appreciated your putting Geoffrey beside me, so that we sat round the Cabinet table instead of facing each other across it.

I found the conversation immensely useful and I came away with a much better understanding of what is worrying you in the Community and what you would like to do. I hope you found my advice of some use. We will have a lot to do over the Budget but I think we have made a reasonable start. I thought Geoffrey handled the ECOFIN Council very well, but each stage of the struggle will be harder than the last, and your task in Dublin will certainly not be easy. Nonetheless I think a satisfactory settlement will be secured.

I know how busy you are and it will obviously be impossible for us to meet as often as when you were in Opposition. But I think it would be useful if we could meet from time to time to discuss Community issues of major importance to the U.K.

I look forward to seeing you at the Party Conference. I shall be talking to a Bow Group lunchtime meeting, but otherwise behaving just like an ordinary delegate, as I did in 1977.

With best wishes

Yours ever
Christopher

ant

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher M.P.,
10 Downing Street,
London SW 1.

20 SEP 1979

68
11 12 1
9 4 4
6 11 12 1
6 11 12 1

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

I should like to thank you for the letter of 12 September and your reply, especially your reference to the fact that I had not been asked to attend the meeting. I am sorry that I was not invited to the meeting and I hope you will be able to attend the next one.

I am sure that you will have a very successful meeting and I hope you will have a lot of interesting discussions. I think the meeting will be very useful and I hope you will have a lot of interesting discussions. I think the meeting will be very useful and I hope you will have a lot of interesting discussions.

I am sure that you will have a very successful meeting and I hope you will have a lot of interesting discussions. I think the meeting will be very useful and I hope you will have a lot of interesting discussions.

I am sure that you will have a very successful meeting and I hope you will have a lot of interesting discussions. I think the meeting will be very useful and I hope you will have a lot of interesting discussions.

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL