



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear "R"

I am sorry to hear that you are worried. I do read as much of my mail as I can. But I get about 500 letters a day. If I spent only a minute looking at each one, it would still take me more than eight hours to read them all. Since I have many meetings to attend, and papers to read, and speeches to make in the House of Commons, you can see why there are some letters which I do not have time to read. But they all get read by the people here at Downing Street who work for me, and we try to answer them all. I see the most important letters, and as you can see, I answer them myself.

I was rather surprised to hear that your friend said she had received a letter with a photocopied signature because all the letters we send out are signed by hand.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Master R. Parker.

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