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You may care to
glance at this
letter
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Dear Robin -

VISIT OF MRS THATCHER

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1. With my telegrams 787 and 791 on, respectively, the Koh-i-Noor diamond and the general treatment accorded to Mrs Thatcher, there is little more to report. You may however like to have the enclosed copy of a minute about her official calls in Islamabad.

2. I think that she enjoyed her visit here greatly, even apparently the Tarbela Dam visit. The general atmosphere was extremely flattering to her ego and Pakistani officialdom was much intrigued by the thought of a British woman P.M. People turned up to applaud her at the Tarbela Dam itself and in the Embassy time was found for her to greet staff families.

3. Mr Bhutto's dinner was a very friendly affair, short speeches on both sides, but nothing much of substance. Bhutto had his Oxford-educated daughter and her friends to hand and he himself was in informal mood. It is clear to me that he likes to gossip about the UK and he does it in front of his Ministers and officials. However, they all seem to have been to Lincolns Inn or elsewhere in the UK at one time or another - perhaps this is the top-level old boy net in this country!

7 am sw

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