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THE PRIME MINISTER

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I am most grateful to you for receiving me so courteously and hospitably in Rome despite the difficult circumstances attending my visit. You had to cope not only with my own late - and very reluctant - decision to curtail my stay, but also with the tragedy which struck your country last night. Your warmth and your calmness were equally striking.

I greatly enjoyed meeting you, and discussing together with you so many important topics. I look forward to seeing you again in Luxembourg in a few days time, and to welcoming you here next year.

(Sgd) MARGARET THATCHER

His Excellency Signor Arnaldo Forlani