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Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

I was concerned to hear when you were talking to the East Surrey party at lunchtime last Saturday in Solihull that Somerville had not sent you the invitation to the Centenary Gaudy. Clearly their distribution has gone haywire, because I have been sent no fewer than 4 forms! I am therefore enclosing my extra 2 in case you are still without.

I should, at the same time, like you to know how much it would mean to a great number of us if you were able to be present at some of the celebrations. It really would not be at all to our liking if the College were just to fete the prominent Socialist members, particularly when you reflect that the inflation of these last years has crippled the College's finances. The 1977 Somerville College Report and Supplement stated that 'it has not been possible to advertise a (Mary Somerville) fellowship this winter. The reasons for this are inflation and, more importantly, the huge increase in the university graduate fee imposed last summer by the Government.' Actually, one wonders how either Shirley could be welcome!

We were grateful for the encouragement and inspiration which you gave us last Saturday and we are determined to secure a great victory when the time comes.

With all possible good wishes for the future

*yours very sincerely*  
*Felicity Hindson*