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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 March 1981

Dear Mr. Desmond

Thank you very much for your letter of 13 March which arrived here yesterday together with the parcel.

I am most grateful to you for what you say in your letter about the Government's economic policies. Times are difficult at the moment, but I am sure that if we hold fast to our present strategy and do not let ourselves be deflected from it, we shall win through and succeed in putting the economy on a permanently sound basis. I am all the more encouraged when I read letters of support like yours.

Thank you too for responding in such a practical way to what I said about Denis's pyjamas. He is delighted with the three pairs you sent him and has asked me to say how grateful he is. I am sure they will fit!

I was very glad to meet you when I was in Belfast, and I send you and your company my best wishes for your continued success.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher

D.F. Desmond, Esq.

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