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TO: HIS EXCELLENCY MONSIEUR VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING

MY DEAR PRESIDENT,

I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU BOTH FOR SENDING ME A COPY OF THE COMMON DECLARATION PUBLISHED AFTER YOUR MEETING WITH HELMUT SCHMIDT AND FOR YOUR SEPARATE MESSAGE ABOUT THE FISHERIES COUNCIL.

I REGRET THAT, IN THE EVENT, IT DID NOT PROVE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AT THE COUNCIL ON FISHERIES, BUT I AM GLAD THAT DISCUSSIONS ARE STILL CONTINUING, AND THAT THE COUNCIL IS DUE TO MEET AGAIN ON 9/10 MARCH. WE WISH TO SEE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT ON A COMMON FISHERIES POLICY, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY IN THE HOPE OF ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE. WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE BEST WAY AHEAD AND HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION TO LET YOU KNOW SOON HOW OUR THOUGHTS ARE DEVELOPING.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

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