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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

25 October 1982

Dear Miss Goldsmith,

I am writing to thank you very much indeed for inviting me to attend the 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner of the Conservative Group for Europe.

I believe Caroline Stephens explained to you the difficulties I have with the date. I had hoped to be able to rearrange my diary to enable me to attend this important occasion, but this is not alas going to be possible. I am very sorry indeed to have to send you this disappointing reply and send you my best wishes for the success of the evening.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

Miss Beryl Goldsmith

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You should know that Lord Home, Mr. Heath and Mr. Rippon will all be attending this dinner and speaking at it. Cecil Parkinson has also agreed to go.

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21 October 1982

MR GOW

cc:- Mr Coles

I received a call this morning from Beryl Goldsmith, the new Chairman of the Conservative Group for Europe.

The CGE is holding its 10th Anniversary Dinner on 2 February 1983. They are inviting the Prime Minister. They have also invited, and have received acceptances, from the three signatories to the Treaty, Mr Heath, Lord Home and Mr Rippon. These three will speak at the Dinner. Cecil Parkinson has also been invited and is attending.

The Prime Minister is in fact free on 2 February although I have told Miss Goldsmith that she is not. But her speaking programme, as you know, is very over-crowded, to say the least, with a speech to the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce on 28 January and the YC Conference in Bournemouth on Saturday, 12 February.

How would you like me to reply to the invitation when I receive it?

J.

1. I think that the correct answer is
"NO"

2. We must lighten the burden.

19 October, 1982

3. They are already stuffed to the gills
with V. I. P.s.

J.

20/10/1982.