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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Lady Henderson

I am so sorry not to have replied before now to your letter of 5 January. As you know, I desperately wanted to meet your request to give a Reception for British dress designers and their foreign buyers.

I have now been through my diary with a fine toothcomb to see if there was a suitable time but, alas, there is not. I have to go to Greenwich on Monday 14th; Budget Day is now on the 15th and I have an Audience with The Queen in the evening; and I am hosting parties here on both the 16th and 17th. I really am very sorry and I hope it will be possible to hold a Reception some time in the future.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Lady Henderson

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