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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 March, 1983

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Dear Monsieur Thorn,

The European Council on 21/22 March has made useful progress towards a solution to the Budget problem and I am grateful for your own, and the Commission's, part in securing a satisfactory outcome. Of course, the real negotiations still lie ahead and the Commission will need all its skill to steer them to a successful conclusion. But I feel that we have now made a good start down the right road.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Gaston Thorn

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