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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher PC MP
The House of Commons
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Dear Mrs Thatcher

We all make mistakes. The art is to recognise a mistake when it occurs and, if there is time enough, to correct it.

Some eighteen months ago I wrote to you protesting at the high levels of unemployment and taxation, both direct and indirect, and I told you I would be supporting the SDP. You have been saying for the whole of this Parliament that the recession is world wide and the prime necessity was for us to become more efficient so that we can benefit from the end of the recession. I disagreed. I was wrong.

You deserve great credit for having managed the economy such that now the recession seems to be coming to an end this Country is in pretty good shape. Exports, production are up whilst inflation is down and so it goes on. In addition you have restored to us, those who can see it that is, a great deal of personal and national pride. Personal pride in that we have re-discovered the way to stand on our own feet, an art almost lost in the years of the "Government will supply" mentality, and a national pride restored with the magnificent campaign in the South Atlantic last year.

You were right all along. I have the greatest admiration, and dare I tell you, affection, for the way you have managed the affairs of this Country this past four years, and for you personally. My own MP, Michael Grylls, has "forgiven" my transgression and I have re-newed my Membership of the Tory Party, a membership that was over 20 years from the time I was a YC at 18 in Iain Macleod's constituency. It is almost superfluous to promise you my support in the next Election, whenever that is, but you have it.

Yours sincerely,

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