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THE PRIME MINISTER

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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you so much for your kind message of congratulations. It will be a pleasure to continue to work with you in the interests of our two countries.

I agree that we face difficult problems in the European Communities. Following a General Election, in which the opponents of British membership were massively defeated, it is certainly my wish and intention that Britain should play its full part in Europe. But this will only be possible when the financial problems which have handicapped discussion in the past are satisfactorily settled. I have sent you a separate message about my approach to these matters at Stuttgart, where I much look forward to seeing you.

Thank you so much for your suggestion that I should visit the Hague. I should enjoy that very much. May I bear your invitation in mind until I am able to consider my future travel plans.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Walker

His Excellency Dr. R.F.M. Lubbers.

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