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Yours ever,

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THE PRIME MINISTER

5 August 1981

Dear Sir Yue-Kong,

Many thanks for your letter of 28 July. I too enjoyed our talk.

It was kind of you to offer to help with my China trip, I will certainly bear this in mind when completing the arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Sir Yue-Kong Pao CBE LLD JP

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My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you sincerely for sparing the time from your heavy schedule to receive me in your office on 17th July. It is always a pleasure to talk with you and, needless to say, I always consider this a great privilege.

I followed with interest the Economic Summit at Ottawa and was pleased to read about your sympathetic support of the line the United States takes in her economic policy. This cannot but be viewed as a sensible move.

As all nations, Britain has her share of economic woes but I have no doubt that the situation will gradually improve under your capable leadership and your policy. It is perhaps inevitable that the falling oil price and on-going global recession will continue to bring some adverse impact and I personally feel that the nation's primary concern should still be productivity-related so as to achieve and retain a competitive edge in the world markets for British products.

I was glad to hear that your China trip is shaping up well and hope very much to know your schedule when it is finalized. If I can assist in any way through my own associations with China, I will be most pleased to do so.

Once again my warm thanks and kindest regards,

Yours Sincerely

Y. K. Pao