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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Richard,

Now that the UK Presidency of the European Community is behind us, I should like through you to thank the many members of your Department involved for the outstanding contribution they made to the smooth running of all the many meetings which took place in London over the last six months.

Lancaster House was in many ways the star attraction of our Presidency and provided elegant and much complimented surroundings for all our meetings at every level. The facilities offered in the delegation offices in Stable Yard House were also much appreciated by our partners, as was the Old Bath Club on the press side.

Despite the thorough and extensive preparations, there were inevitably times when we had to turn to the Property Services Agency for new and unscheduled help. The conference staff at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office have been loud in their praises of the help and co-operation which was always so willingly provided by the PSA. We are all most grateful to Mr. Coates, the Director of the PSA's London Region, and his staff.

Yours ever
Raymond

The Rt. Hon. Michael Heseltine, M.P.

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