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From the Private Secretary

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My Record

US Ambassador

You should know that the American Ambassador and Mrs. Louis called on the Prime Minister this morning to say farewell at the end of their tour in this country.

There was some discussion of Grenada, The Prime Minister made it plain that she regretted the lack of adequate consultation but equally made it plain that this would not be a matter of lasting resentment.

Mrs. Thatcher also expressed the view to Mr. Louis that, in contrast with our European partners, contacts at a high level with the US Government were less adequate. She thought it desirable that she should see more of senior figures in the US Administration. A pattern of closer contacts would make it easier to avoid future misunderstandings. Mr. Louis said that he would carry this message back to Washington.

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