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THE PRIME MINISTER

Baron Phillipe de Rothschild,

Thank you for your letters of 20 and 28 November about the enquiries you have been making of President Giscard's senior staff on the subject of a fixed cross-Channel link. It is kind of you to keep me informed of the views of the French Government. I understand their attitude on the renewal of interest in a fixed link and have taken careful note of your offer of good offices.

I was glad to learn that you will be lunching with Norman Fowler and Christopher Soames on 18 December. They have of course seen our correspondence and I am sure that at your meeting you will together be able to clarify the issues further.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Baron Phillipe de Rothschild