



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

19 January 1983

My dear Ambassador,

Thank you so much for your letter of 14 January.

Denis and I would have loved to attend the ceremony which you are arranging on 25 January at which Sir Karl Popper will be presented with the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. Alas, my diary on that day is already completely full and I must therefore, with the greatest reluctance, say that I shall not be able to attend.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Dr. Jurgen Ruhfus, KBE.