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The Right Honorable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister Thatcher:

This is to let you know how very sorry I will be to miss your address to the Joint Session of Congress on February 20. Barbara and I will be traveling in Africa at that time, observing some of the drought and famine conditions and seeking to stimulate an appropriate and long-term American response to that growing tragedy.

I had hoped very much to be listening to your speech in the House Chamber in my capacity as President of the Senate. I know that you will receive an extremely warm reception and I am very regretful at my inability to be with you.

I hope that your visit to the United States is successful in every way and look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

With warm personal regards, *in which Bar joins*

Sincerely,

George Bush

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