



10 DOWNING STREET

18th May 1979

Dear Ralph,

Thank you very much for your kind telegram, but above all let me thank you all for what you have done for the cause of free enterprise over the course of so many years. It was primarily your foundation work which enabled us to rebuild the philosophy upon which our Party succeeded in the past. The debt we owe to you is immense and I am very grateful.

With best wishes.

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

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Prime Minister.

Could you please
confirm that you
are happy with the
last paragraph?

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Reply to confirm.

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
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and

Dear Margaret

It still seems slightly unreal; but I must delay no longer in thanking you most warmly for the enormous compliment you have paid me - and all associated with the work of IEA (and Buckingham). From the enthusiastic messages coming in, you have certainly heartened the troops - as I believe has Geoffrey, despite Sam.

Great as the honour is, I am anxious it should make the minimum difference to my work. Of course it provides another platform and I hope you will have no difficulty agreeing that support for the principles we share might be made most tellingly from the cross benches - as Lord Harris (of Tottenham). I have two IEA authors as sponsors: Lionel Robbins and Douglas Houghton!

I am keen to help the admirable John Hoskyns with names, etc; and have a half-promise of half-time services from Alan Walters, with full-time indications from Alan Budd, Ivor Pearce, Dennis Lees and possibly Colin Robinson, among others if suitable openings crop up.

We were so delighted with your generous, unsolicited testimonial (copy attached for convenience) that we wondered if we can quote it privately to prospective supporters of our widening educational efforts in America and Europe, as well as in Britain. A "yes" or "no" by telephone from Caroline Stevens is all the answer this letter requires.

All possible good wishes

Yours ever

James

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Ralph Harris

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