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Letter

from

Herr Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of the  
Federal Republic of Germany

to

Her Excellency The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain  
and Northern Ireland

Prime Minister,  
dear Margaret

I should like to thank you for your message of 22 November 1990.

You can look back with pride and great satisfaction to more than a decade of successful activity at the helm of your country. Through your consistent policy, faithful to principles, you have made a lasting imprint on the United Kingdom and opened new and far-reaching perspectives for the future. Thus you have earned high esteem world-wide for yourself and for your country.

Due to your staunch commitment to peace which guarantees not only security but freedom as well you have contributed in particular to the strengthening of the Western Alliance. This proved to be an important precondition for the historic changes in Europe to which both of us were able to contribute.

We will not forget your personal efforts for overcoming the division of Europe and thus of Germany as well. For this I want to convey to you my very special thanks.

I will always cherish the trustful, friendly and open co-operation we have had over more than eight years.

May we convey to you and to Denis our best wishes for the future.

With warm regards  
sgd. Helmut Kohl