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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP 10 Downing Street LONDON SW1

Far Prime Minister,

I was due to call to see you early next month for one of your periodic briefings on GCHQ. Sadly that has been overtaken - together with your planned visit to Cheltenham, which we were all looking forward to. The close interest you have taken throughout in the work of GCHQ has been a great encouragement, and a welcome spur to all of us to provide the best in our power. We have known that what we produced would be read with a keen eye, and when appropriate, with stimulating comment. I am most grateful for all you have done to support GCHQ, from your early days as Prime Minister: our ability to provide an effective service to the Government has been immeasurably strengthened.

Joans sincerely,