



PRIME MINISTER

27 November 1990

Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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Dear Mrs Thatcher

As your long and distinguished leadership of Britain draws to a close, I should like to express the appreciation of the New Zealand Government and people for the solid support you have provided us over the years.

Your much appreciated congratulations to me on our recent victory were, I had hoped, the precursor to a close and enduring relationship between us as Prime Ministers. That is not to be but I hope that you will always regard New Zealanders as friends and close contact between us will continue in the years ahead.

There are many things for which we are grateful: your frequent efforts on our behalf with respect to trade access to the Community, and your unceasing fight for a free and fair trading system, are but two. With respect to the latter, I appreciated receiving your message on the GATT negotiations and will do my best to break the log-jam that has occurred there when I attend the Ministerial Meeting in Brussels next week. Your Government represents the high water mark, within the European Community, of member states seeking meaningful and enduring agricultural reform and we are as determined as you to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

I hope to meet your successor in London on my way to the Ministerial Meeting. I have made arrangements to be in London on Tuesday 4 December if this proves convenient. My High Commissioner will contact you closer to the time but if you are free at some stage during that day I should very much appreciate the opportunity to call on you.

Yours sincerely

Jim Bolger

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury
10 Downing Street
LONDON

Dear Prime Minister

I have just been asked to pass on to you the attached letter from our new Prime Minister, Hon J B Bolger.

May I add my own thanks, and those of my wife, for all your kindnesses to us over the past five years, and our warm good wishes to you and your husband.

Yours sincerely
Bryce Harland
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