

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Margaret:

It was with profound regret that I learned of your resignation as leader of the Conservative Party and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. While I look forward to working with John Major and have every expectation that relations between our two countries will be as solid as ever, it just will not be the same without you.

We have all benefited greatly over the past eleven years from your wisdom and determination. Your decision to reinforce UK forces in the Gulf is only the latest example. I have had the greatest respect for the way in which you have been able to mold the world about you -- conducting a peaceful revolution at home while shaping attitudes on East-West relations, on vital principles, far beyond Britain's shores. I know that you will continue to fight for what you believe in and that you will remain a force in British and world politics.

Barbara and I send you and Denis our very best wishes and hopes for the future.

With warmest personal regards,

The Right Honorable  
Margaret Thatcher  
House of Commons  
London, England