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THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT
THE PRIME MINISTER

Oslo, November 16, 1982

Dear Prime Minister,

The conversations we held in March this year during my official visit in London were most stimulating and useful to me. I also had fruitful discussions with several members of your Cabinet.

Your kind hospitality could be felt all through the programme and made my stay a very pleasant one.

I hope that we can continue our interesting and open conversations, and I, therefore, take great pleasure in inviting you to pay an official visit to Norway. I would be delighted if you would be accompanied by your husband.

The dates and the details could be arranged through our officials.

Hoping to have the honour of welcoming you soon in Norway, I remain

Yours sincerely
Kåre Willoch
(Kåre Willoch)

Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP,
Prime Minister, First Lord of
the Treasury and Minister for
the Civil Service,
10 Downing Street, London

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

22 November 1982

Invitation for the Prime Minister to visit Norway

The Norwegian Ambassador called on me this morning to deliver an invitation, a copy of which is enclosed, from the Norwegian Prime Minister to Mrs Thatcher to pay an official visit to Norway.

Mr. Busch pointed out that Mr. Willoch's Government was the first Conservative Government in Norway for 56 years. He also said that no British Prime Minister in office had ever visited Norway. As regards timing, the Norwegian side would show "maximum flexibility".

I undertook to convey the invitation to the Prime Minister and to arrange for a reply in due course.

DJP I should be grateful for early advice and a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Mr. Willoch's letter.

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R.B. Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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