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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 March, 1983

Dear Monsieur Thorn,

The European Council on 21/22 March has made useful progress towards a solution to the Budget problem and I am grateful for your own, and the Commission's, part in securing a satisfactory outcome. Of course, the real negotiations still lie ahead and the Commission will need all its skill to steer them to a successful conclusion. But I feel that we have now made a good start down the right road.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Gaston Thorn

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From the Private Secretary

23 March, 1983

European Council

The Prime Minister has signed thank you letters to Chancellor Kohl and to the President of the European Commission. I enclose the signed versions and should be grateful if you would arrange for their immediate despatch.

I am copying this letter and its enclosures to John Kerr (Treasury) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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