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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. President,

I should like to send you my personal thanks, and those of my Government, for your decision to grant clemency for Mr John Smith. We very much welcome this gracious gesture of goodwill which has been widely appreciated by the British people.

I send my renewed good wishes to you, your government and the people of Iraq.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency President Saddam Hussain of Iraq



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Dear Mrs. Smith,

I was absolutely delighted to learn today of your husband's release. It must be a great relief that this long ordeal is over. I have admired tremendously the courage and perseverance which you have displayed throughout the period of your husband's imprisonment. You have given your husband and children a lot to be proud of.

I was very sorry to learn that your father-in-law is seriously ill. I am sure it will be some comfort to him to see his son again.

I send you, your husband and all the family my warmest good wishes at this happy outcome which you so fully deserve.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mrs. J. Smith