



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

18 May 1982

Dear Sir Philip

Thank you so much for the splendid dinner at Hopetoun House on Saturday evening. It was an impressive gathering and the evening was superbly arranged. I have heard many reports of the value of the weekend conference. I wish the Franco/British Council well in the months ahead and will remember with the greatest pleasure its hospitality.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Philip de Zulueta

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
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*Dear Prime Minister,*

Edinburgh Conference

This is just to say again how much everyone concerned appreciated your presence and speech at Hopetoun House last Saturday. In the middle of all your preoccupations no-one would have been surprised if you had found yourself unable to come and I am sure that the French in particular noted with appreciation the effort which you had made to show your interest, and this was a great encouragement to us all.

*You know I think how much we all feel for you and wish for your (and our!) success at this difficult time.*

*With very warm thanks*

*Yours sincerely*

*Philip de Zurenda*





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20 May 1982

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me. I have told the*

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*Dear John*

FRANCO-BRITISH COUNCIL

There is no doubt that the Franco-British Council Conference in Edinburgh last weekend achieved its objectives. This achievement was in no small part due to the presence of the Prime Minister. However, it would be much appreciated if she were to write a short letter of thanks to the Chairman of the Council for inviting her to address the Conference Dinner on Saturday 15 May. I attach a suggested draft.

*Yours ever,*  
*S M J Lampport*

S M J Lampport  
Private Secretary to Mr Hurd



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Thank you so very much for inviting me to address the Franco-British Council Conference Dinner at Hopetoun House on Saturday 15 May. It was a magnificent occasion and I was delighted to have been able to contribute to the undoubted success of the Conference. I am also grateful to you for having provided the opportunity for me to meet the French Prime Minister for the first time.

As I told you before the dinner, I am sure that Edinburgh in every way equalled or surpassed the Council's first big conference at Bordeaux. Whether or not we can maintain such very high standards of entertainment in the future remains to be seen, but I should like to thank you and all those who worked so hard to make this Conference a success. I should also like to wish the Council all possible success in the future: it has established itself as an indispensable actor in the Franco-British drama.

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