

Sir Roy Strong, Ph.D., F.S.A.,
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June 25th 1988

Dear Prime Minister,

Now that I am a private citizen
I have the freedom to write and applaud
your initiative to secure the Thyssen
Collection for the U.K. I do this as an
ex-national museum Director of 22
years standing, as a member of the
Conservative Party's Arts Group and as
a consultant to the Canary Wharf
Scheme (one of its advertised
destinations).

It would be sad if you or
anyone in Government were to be

deflected by the negative attitudes
of members of my ex-profession about
which I know only too much. As I said
on both BBC TV news + on Breakfast
TV this, if it came off, would be
your greatest achievement for
the arts.

Yours sincerely

Ray Stoney



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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 July 1988

Dear Sir Roy,

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of 25 June. I am most grateful for your support for our attempts to secure the Thyssen collection for the United Kingdom, and your willingness to express that support publicly. It is a unique and valuable collection which would enhance the artistic fabric of this country.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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MP

Sir Roy Strong.