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To confirm the message telephoned to No.10 Downing Street for the Prime Minister on Saturday, 25th June:

"The National Art-Collections Fund, the foremost art charity, vigorously supports the efforts of the Prime Minister to secure the Thyssen collection in its entirety for the nation.

Sir Brinsley Ford Chairman (in the absence abroad of Sir Nicholas Goodison)

Sir Peter Wakefield Director"

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From the Principal Private Secretary

28 June 1988

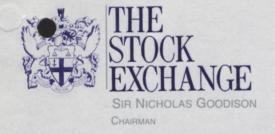
I am writing to thank you for your letter of 27 June in which you confirmed the message which you telephoned to the Prime Minister on Saturday 25 June about the Thyssen Collection.

I know that the Prime Minister will be grateful for your support.

(N.L. Wicks)

Sir Peter Wakefield, K.B.E., C.M.G.

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In my absence the National Art-Collections Fund Committee sent you a message supporting your efforts to secure the Thyssen collection for Great Britain. I was, as you know, a member of the small advisory committee on this and I thought I would write to say how warmly I too supported the effort providing the terms were acceptable. I thought it was right that the NACF should make its views known in view of the somewhat carping response from certain parts of the museum and art world.

Best wishes.

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P., Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London SW1.

copy to The Rt. Hon. Richard Luce, M.P.

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he hun 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA 1 August 1988 From the Private Secretary I am writing on the Prime Minister's absence in Australia to thank you for your letter of 27 July concerning the Thyssen collection. I will show your letter to her when she returns, and know that she will be very grateful to you for taking the trouble to write. P. A. Bearpark Sir Nicholas Goodison