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THE PRIME MINISTER

28 February 1989

Dear Sara and Ewen,

I cannot tell you how much we enjoyed our weekend in Paris. It was marvellous to have a break from the routine of London and Chequers - and very good of you and Sara to go to so much trouble for us. Your dinner guests were very well chosen and I was delighted to have the chance to talk both to Raymond Barre and Jacques Chirac, as well as to meet some new faces. There is no doubt that Madame Cresson is a formidable politician. It was very noticeable how warmly all those who came to dinner spoke of you both, which is a great tribute to your success here. And what exquisite food and wine - quite devastating to all our good intentions!

I was pleased to see the Gauguin exhibition and Vaux-le-Vicomte, both of which remind one of the strength of French culture. Who could possibly want to submerge that in a European blancmange!

Would you please thank all your staff for their kindness and care - and once again, our very warm gratitude to both of you.

Yours ever

Margaret

His Excellency Sir Ewen Fergusson, KCMG,
and Lady Fergusson.



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Dear Monsieur le Président

May I thank you most warmly for your hospitality at the Anglo-French Summit in Paris yesterday. I fear that for you it came very soon after what must have been a long and tiring journey back from Tokyo. It was most considerate of you to go ahead with our meeting all the same. As always I found our talks of great value, in particular the opportunity to hear your thoughts on the forthcoming Economic Summit and on the French Presidency of the European Community in the latter part of this year, as well as on the important issues which we shall consider at the proposed NATO Summit. I am most grateful also to M. Rocard and to all those of your Ministers who took part in the meeting for their contribution.

The arrangements for the Summit - as for my private programme over the weekend - were very well done and I hope that my gratitude can be conveyed to all those responsible.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency le Président Mitterrand, GCB.

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