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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.Dear Margaret,<sup>(2)</sup>

I wanted to write to you to say how sorry I am not to be able to be with you for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner on Thursday night.

Having had the privilege of serving in your Government for all these years, I simply wanted to say to you how much I have appreciated it all, and how conscious I have been of the challenge that we undertook, and of how much the prospects for Britain have improved over this time. We all have our memories, but I will always remember your leadership during

the difficult times of the miners' strike,  
and of the transformation in industrial  
relations that have occurred since. More  
recently your ready and strong support  
at some of our difficult moments in

Northern Ireland were of enormous value,  
and it has been wonderful to know  
that you would always be available  
when I needed to ask for your help.

So much I feel we have done,  
so much, I am always conscious, still  
to do, and yet right at this time  
to recognise the remarkable milestones of achievement.  
I do congratulate you most warmly  
and I do sincerely thank you  
both personally for your leadership and



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and counsel, but above all for what  
you have meant and done for our Country.

As I move on from Washington,  
I am more than ever conscious of how  
you have raised our standing and respect  
in the world, and the wonderful relations  
with the U S administration an excellent  
to see, and certainly make all our ~~jobs~~  
tasks now here so much easier to achieve.

With many congratulations and  
good wishes for an excellent  
evening.

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Tom Law King