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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 18 July.

As I made clear in the House on Monday I had been asked a straight question - did I think that human rights began in 1789 in France. The honest answer can only be 'no'. Indeed, President Mitterrand agreed with me at the end of the Summit that there were other accounts of human rights which started long before the French Revolution. I might add that this Summit was exceptionally friendly and worthwhile. Its success was due in no small part to the skilled chairmanship of President Mitterrand to which I was glad to give public recognition in my Statement.

Yours ever  
Margaret

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