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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP  
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*Dear Prime Minister,*

I am writing this to apologize to you again for not being able to keep my appointment with you on the 4th October. Vertigo, a condition which has troubled my wife Sue interminably for the past year or two took an unexpected turn for the worse on Sunday, the day I was to depart for London, and on her doctor's advice I thought it prudent to call off my trip so that I could be near her in case of need.

Missing the opportunity of talking with you at this particular point of time was a big disappointment for me indeed, but I hope I can count on the privilege of visiting you again on my next trip to London and I will in due course ask our London associates to approach your office to seek another appointment.

You have no doubt been kept fully advised of the progress on the Hong Kong talks and what damaging effects the current element of uncertainty about the future has already had on Hong Kong's economic, social and monetary fronts. It must be everyone's hope now to see the talks moving towards an earliest possible conclusion for the good of Hong Kong.

With kindest regards,

*yours sincerely*  
*J. K. Pao*