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TO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS
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INFO SAVING LUXEMBOURG
MESSAGE TO M. THORN

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AND THAT IN MIFT FROM ME, TO THORN BEFORE HE LEAVES OFFICE.
BEGINS
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PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION, I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND BEST WISHES
FOR 1985 TO YOU AND YOUR WIFE. DURING YOUR FOUR YEARS IN
OFFICE THE COMMUNITY HAS ACHIEVED A GREAT DEAL, AND ESPECIALLY
IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WHEN WE HAVE LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR
THE COMMUNITY'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE ACCESSION OF
SPAIN AND PORTUGAL, AND DEALT WITH THE BUDGET PROBLEM.
 3. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS WHEN YOU RETURN TO THE NATIONAL LIFE
OF YOUR COUNTRY. I KNOW THAT YOUR EXPERIENCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE
AT THE DISPOSAL OF ALL OF US WHO WISH TO SEE THE COMMUNITY
PROSPER.
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From the Private Secretary

31 December 1984

Farewell Letter to M. Thorn

Thank you for your letter of 28 December to Charles Powell.

The Prime Minister agrees to send a farewell message to M. Thorn, and has approved the enclosed slightly amended version of the draft which you supplied. I should be grateful if you would arrange for its despatch in the course of today.

David Barclay

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO M. THORN

At the turn of the year, and at the end of your term as President of the Commission, I should like to send best wishes for 1985 to you and your wife. During your four years in office the Community has achieved a great deal, and especially in the last two years when we have laid the foundations for the Community's future development, for the accession of Spain and Portugal and dealt with the Budget problem.

I wish you every success when you return to the national life of your country. I know that your experience will continue to be at the disposal of all of us who wish to see the Community prosper.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

28 December, 1984

Dear Charles,

*As amended
no*

*Prime Minister
Do you want to
send a farewell
message to M. Thorn?
If so, will be attached
draft do?*

Farewell Letter from the Prime Minister to M. Thorn, President
of the European Commission

*DT
28/12*

The new Commission takes office on 7 January. The Foreign Secretary has been reflecting on whether the Prime Minister should send a farewell message to M. Thorn before he leaves office. He hopes to become President of Radio and Television in Luxembourg though his appointment is opposed by the Luxembourg Government.

Sir Geoffrey is inclined to think that seasonal goodwill should prevail over four years of intermittent frustration. If the Prime Minister feels similarly inclined, then something along the lines of the enclosed draft telegram should issue by 31 December.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

*Yr ever,
Peter Ricketts*

(P F Ricketts)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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	19	the Community's future development and for the accession of	
	20	Spain and Portugal. <i>and deals with the Budget matter</i>	
	21	I know there have been frustrations. (But	
///	22	there has been real progress as well, of which you and your	
//	23	colleagues in the Commission can feel proud.)	
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	25	of your country. I know that your experience will continue to be	
		at the disposal of all of us who wish to see the Community	
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