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August 27th 1984

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Dear Mrs Thatcher,

I am so very sorry that an inescapable professional engagement prevents me from coming to the meeting which you have called at Chequers on the afternoon of October 1st. I hope that the circumstances have been explained to you.

[ He is committed to a Faculty ceremony ]

Meanwhile I enclose two lectures which I have given in the course of the summer in Australia and the United States, and hope you will find them useful.

I hope you enjoyed your well-deserved holiday and return refreshed to confront the truly appalling problems which seem to beset us.

Yours sincerely

The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
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10 August 1984

Dear Mr Powell,

*with TC*  
Very many thanks for the kind invitation you extended to me in your letter of 7 August on behalf of the Prime Minister to attend a meeting at Chequers on Monday 1st October.

I am afraid that this puts me in a considerable difficulty. I have agreed that afternoon to attend a Faculty ceremony here which will last from 5.30 till 7 p.m., and make a presentation. The date has been fixed with some difficulty to suit my convenience, and it would cause much disappointment and annoyance if I were now to renege. I think therefore that with very great reluctance I must give it priority.

I could escape at about 6.15, and thus be at Chequers soon after 7 in time for dinner; but having missed the serious part of the evening, my contribution would then be rather marginal. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, therefore, I shall assume that I can not come.

Yours sincerely

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*Michael Howard*

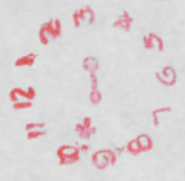
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TO MISS ...

I have received your letter of the 12th and am glad to hear that you are interested in the folklore program. I will be glad to discuss it with you at length on Monday, August 17th.

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Yours sincerely,

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