

14 June 1982

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 7 June.

Mrs. Thatcher was pleased to hear that Mr. Garvin will once again be visiting London. But I am afraid it will not be possible for her to meet him in September. She has an overseas trip planned for Tuesday 8 September and a busy day on the 6th preparing for the visit.

With best wishes and I am sorry to have to bring you this disappointing reply. Could you pass on the Prime Minister's regrets to Mr. Garvin.

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A.W. Forster, Esq.

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10 June, 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 7 June. This is receiving attention and a reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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You may want to wait until
the dates for the French
bilateral are sorted out before
putting this to the PM, but my
view is that a call by
Garrin is not a top priority.
The PM does not see the Chairmen
of Shell and BP and BVRZ
regularly, so why should she
do the same for Garrin.

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PPS.

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Dear Prime Minister,

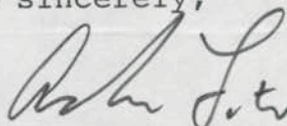
I have just heard that Cliff Garvin, Chairman and Chief Executive of our parent Company Exxon, will be visiting London on the 7th/8th September, and since it is some time since he last had an opportunity of exchanging views with you I am writing to ask whether it would be possible for you to meet him during this visit.

There are many changes occurring in the world political and economic outlook, including the delicate balance of energy supply/demand and its implications for oil. Such major uncertainties are naturally of immense concern to large multinational companies such as Esso/Exxon and as a major investor in Britain I know that Cliff Garvin would greatly appreciate your views.

I recognise the many conflicting demands on your time, but I hope that it will be possible for you to agree to my suggestion and naturally a meeting can be arranged at any time convenient to you during the 7th/8th September. If a dinner or lunchtime appointment would be more suitable I would be delighted to be the host.

I very much hope you will be able to accept.

Yours sincerely,



A.W. FORSTER.

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