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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 January 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S
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Dear Mr. President,

I should like to thank you most warmly for your hospitality at yesterday's historic meeting in Lille to announce the choice of project for the Channel Fixed Link. I am sure that it was right to make this into a ceremonial occasion to underline its symbolic importance. I am most grateful to you for giving it this character.

I was also glad that we had a chance to talk about recent developments, particularly in South Yemen and in Libya. This was very valuable.

I look forward very much to seeing you in the United Kingdom on 12 February for signature of the Treaty.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand

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Dear Monsieur Mauroy,

I was delighted that yesterday's ceremony to announce the choice of project for the Channel Fixed Link was held in your great and historic city. I should like to thank you most warmly for your hospitality and that of the people of Lille.

I should be grateful if my thanks could be passed on to all those who made the arrangements for the ceremony and who were responsible for carrying them out with such efficiency and dispatch.

It was also a great pleasure to renew our acquaintance.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Pierre Mauroy.

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Dear Mrs. Renwick

Thank you so much for coming in on Sunday evening to help me with the French passages in my speech for Lille. Thanks to your expert tuition - and I suspect an element of surprise - it seemed to go down very well. I am most grateful.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs R.W. Renwick

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