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|            | 21   | MATTER OF VERY DEEP INTEREST TO ALL OF US HERE. ONCE AGAIN I OFFER MY SUPPORT FOR THESE HISTORIC CHANGES. MARGARET THATCHER. |  |                  |                           |                  |  |
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He thinks that it is well worth sending in the present difficult climate and that it says the right things.

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