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The Private Secretary  
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Prime Minister.

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*Dear Coler,*

I hope that President Machel will be writing to the Prime Minister to thank her for giving him the chance to meet her and for entertaining him at luncheon. However, largely because of the almost complete absence of experienced staff here, proprieties often go by default.

I can say that during the talks with the President during the latter half of the visit and during our trip back to Maputo, he was massively excited by the occasion and grateful. As you probably know, he has been a long time admirer of Mrs Thatcher and the talks with her confirmed him in that feeling. He was full of praise for her charm, sympathy and knowledgeable interest in the problems of Southern Africa and Mozambique.

I would like also to add my thanks and those of my wife for having had the chance to join in ~~en~~ what was a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

*Yours ever*

*John Stewart*

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