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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 September 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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Dear Prime Minister,

I wanted to write straight away to say how very much I enjoyed my visit to Norway. I was very struck by the many signs which I encountered of genuine friendship and affection for Britain. I was also delighted to meet you and have so many opportunities to talk, to learn about the problems which Norway faces and how you propose to tackle them. It was gratifying to establish that our views on some of the basic issues, including defence and security, are very close.

Thank you very much for all your hospitality, most particularly the dinner in the magnificent surroundings of Akershus Castle, for your consideration in accompanying me throughout my time in Norway, and for the beautiful picture which will look very well in my new house and always remind me of Norway and a happy visit. Please also pass on my thanks to all those concerned with my programme, including the police and security authorities. I am sorry that my visit gave them so much extra work but I appreciate all that they did.

I hope that we may remain in touch, and send warm good wishes to you and your husband.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland

CJ



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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

16 September 1986

I should be grateful if you could have delivered the two letters enclosed which say thank you to King Olav and Mrs. Brundtland for their kind hospitality during Mrs. Thatcher's recent visit. I have left the envelopes unsealed and you will no doubt let me know if anything I have said requires amendment.

Let me take this opportunity of thanking you and your staff for all the hard work which they put into making this such a smooth, if eventful(!), visit.

N. L. WICKS

Roger G. Short, Esq., M.V.O.

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To The Prime Minister  
Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,

With compliments from

Lily Monsem,

Oslo, Norway.





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*Dear Commodore Ritland.*

I am most grateful to you for so kindly arranging for me to visit the Olavsvern Naval Base. I was most impressed by what I saw and it was an excellent opportunity to gain a better understanding of the problems of defending northern Norway. Thank you very much.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Margaret Thatcher*

Commodore Ritland

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*Your Rear Admiral Rein.*

I was very pleased to be able to meet you during my brief visit to northern Norway and should like to thank you most warmly for making it possible for my delegation to travel from Olavsvern on the Fast Patrol Boats under your command. Sailing up the Sound to Tromsø with the sun and the autumn colours and the historical memories of the Devonshire and of the Tirpitz was an unforgettable experience. Thank you very much.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Staiter*

Rear Admiral Rein

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*Dear General Eide.*

I should like to thank you most warmly for the excellent briefing which you gave me on the defence of northern Norway during my visit to Tromsø. The problems which you face are daunting. But I return to London heartened by the spirit and determination of the Norwegian Armed Forces and their allies and by the careful planning which has been undertaken to make the best use of the resources which the Alliance is able to dedicate to the vital northern front.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*  
*Royal Dane*

Lt. General Eide

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Dear Mr. Schei:

I am most grateful to you and your colleagues for showing me round the Tromso Museum during my brief visit. May I also congratulate you on the way in which its treasures are laid out and displayed, giving a remarkable picture of the culture and wildlife of northern Norway. Thank you very much.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Kaltefleiter

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Mr. Benjamin Schei

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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 September 1986

Dear Mr. Buvik.

I am immensely grateful to you for the excellent arrangements made for my visit to Tromso. I was able to see a great deal in a short time, and came away much impressed by all that has been achieved. And even the weather was perfect, which must be good organisation!

With warm thanks and best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Mr. Martin Buvik

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Dear Admiral Ellingsen,

I am most grateful to you for making it possible for me to lay memorial wreaths to Norwegian and British forces at the Vestre Gravlund during my visit to Oslo. It was a simple but moving ceremony, and I was very touched that so many veterans turned out for the occasion.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

Rear Admiral Ellingsen

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Dear Mrs. Simonsen and Mrs. Kjelland-Mordre,

I just wanted to write and thank you again for the beautiful roses from your garden which you gave me outside the Viking Ships Museum. It was a very kind thought.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs Frances Simonsen and Mrs Turid Kjelland-Mordre

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Dear Dr. Blindheim,

Thank you very much for showing me round the Viking Ships Museum during my visit to Oslo. You explained everything with such enthusiasm and knowledge that it was easy to picture the ships setting sail on their great voyages of exploration and discovery! It was very good of you to go to so much trouble - and thank you also for the lovely silver serpent brooch which will remind me of my visit.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Dr. Blindheim

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Your Ambassador

I am very grateful to you and your staff for the excellent arrangements made for my visit to Norway. I am sure that it was well worthwhile, despite the demonstrations, and I was pleased to be able to talk at length to Mrs Brundtland. She was very friendly and straightforward.

Thank you also for your hospitality in your magnificent Residence. Your wife was kindness itself in making us so comfortable. I can see that you will both find it a considerable wrench to leave Oslo.

Please pass on my thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the visit a success.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

Sir William Bentley, K.C.M.G.

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