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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Norway

King Olav's Private Secretary has written to Sir William Bentley in Oslo to say how pleased the King was with the painting of HMS Devonshire presented to him by the Prime Minister during her recent visit. I attach a copy of the letter.

Yours ever,

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H. M. Kongens  
Kabinetssekretariat

Royal Palace, Oslo  
30 September 1986

*Dear Bill,*

I should like to assure you that the two letters to HM The King which were enclosed in your letter of 25 September have now been handed over to His Majesty.

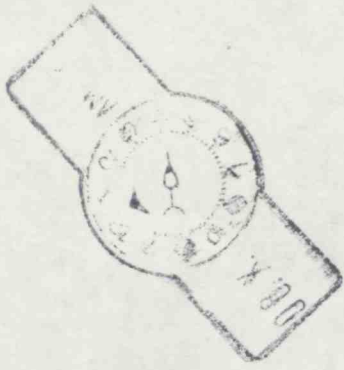
It seems appropriate at the same time to tell you how truly delighted The King was to receive the splendid painting of HMS Devonshire from the Prime Minister. I understand that, when expressing his thanks to Mrs Thatcher, The King warmly praised the historical accuracy and attention to detail which, quite apart from its undoubted artistic merits, render the picture unique.

I hope that particularly the artist, as well as those concerned with the background research essential to a work of this nature and all others involved in the task, may learn through your good offices of the pleasure which it has given and will continue to give to His Majesty.

*Yours ever*  
*Hagen*

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