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Franz-Josef Strauss

1. I had a brief word with Franz-Josef Strauss at Helmut Kohl's 50th Birthday Party today.
2. He told me that he had been delighted with his visit to London and in particular with his meeting with the Prime Minister. Apparently he had been present when the news of the hostage fiasco had come through and had been most impressed by what he said was the Prime Minister's mixture of toughness and sensitivity in her reactions. He said that he had found himself on the same wavelength over many problems. He also expressed himself satisfied with the other engagements he had had with members of the Conservative Party.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Herr Strauss:

It was a great pleasure to be able to entertain you at lunch here on Friday. I much enjoyed our talk.

Thank you so much for your over generous present. The vase is indeed beautiful and a marvellous example of the craftsmanship for which your home town is so famous.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Ministerpräsident Franz Josef Strauss

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