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14 March 1983

I should like to
see him. He
could come to
Chiswick
not
Dear John,

Prime Minister

This is the issue and you already
have a number of commitments.

Agree that we should not pursue
this?

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Visit of M. Barre

M. Raymond Barre, the former French Prime Minister, is chairing a Ditchley Park Conference from 8 - 10 April (on the theme 'Has full employment gone for ever?'). You may wish to draw the Prime Minister's attention to the fact that M. Barre will be in the UK. His travel plans are not yet known, but if the Prime Minister were interested in seeing him, the Embassy in Paris think that M. Barre would be able to arrange his arrival (or departure) time in such a way to permit calls in London. Since the Ditchley Park Conference starts at 4.00 pm on 8 April, that morning might be suitable.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (Treasury) in case the Chancellor of the Exchequer has an interest in seeing M. Barre and to Richard Hatfield, since Sir R Armstrong is attending the Conference at Ditchley.

Yours ever

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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 April, 1983

My dear Madame Barre,

I am absolutely delighted with the beautiful Hermes scarf you sent me from Paris. It is one of the nicest ones I have ever seen and I am most grateful to you for this kind and generous thought.

With all best wishes.

We very much enjoyed your visit to the Press. Come again soon.

Madame Raymond Barre

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Paris, le 11.4.83

HÉRMES

MADAME RAYMOND BARRE

vous remercie Madame de tout
cœur, de votre si amical
accueil et espère vous revoir
un jour à Paris. -

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