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THE PRIME MINISTER

2 July 1987

Dear Mr. Petrie,

It was very good of you and your wife to make me so comfortable and welcome during my visit to Brussels for the European Council. The meetings of the European Council itself were trying even by the exacting standards of that institution, but the brief time I was able to spend at the Residence was a delight. Thank you both very much, and I should be grateful if you would also pass on my thanks to your household staff for looking after me so well.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

P.C. Petrie, Esq., C.M.G.

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From the Private Secretary

1 July 1987

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister and the rest of her party to thank you and your crew for the very comfortable flights to and from Brussels. I am sorry that you were kept waiting so long for departure.

It was kind of you to allow our Duty Clerk on to the flight deck to land the plane!

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(Charles Powell)

Flt. Lt. T.P. Conlon, R.A.F.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
BRUSSELS.

FROM THE AMBASSADOR

6 March 1987

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Dear Charles,

EUROPEAN COUNCIL - BRUSSELS

1. Experience in other posts has shown me the un-wisdom of bilateral Ambassadors seeking to interpose themselves between the Prime Minister and a multilateral meeting in their capital. But as Manager of the luxury hotel maintained here by the British taxpayer I thought I should give you advance notice of the options set out in the enclosed letter to Protocol Department, who will no doubt submit to you in due course. Needless to say, Lydwine and I would be delighted if you do elect domicile chez nous - but in no way miffed if you don't.

Yours ever

Petrie

Peter Petrie

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