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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your kind hospitality during the recent European Council in Brussels. The issues which we discussed were unusually complex and difficult. While it is a pity that we were unable to reach full agreement on the guidelines for further work, there is a lot of common ground. There is also, I believe, a much better appreciation of the need to face up to some really difficult and testing decisions when we meet in Copenhagen in December. May I express my personal gratitude for the way in which the Belgian Presidency has grappled with these demanding issues during the past six months.

I should be grateful if you could pass on my thanks to all those responsible for the arrangements of the European Council and for their hard work, which was very much appreciated. May I also thank you for the very generous gifts which you so kindly presented to the Heads of Government. I very much appreciated these.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Wilfried Martens

DAS



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Sir,

May I thank you, Sir, for your kind hospitality to the European Heads of Government during the recent European Council in Brussels. Your lunch was a most congenial start to our difficult discussions. Although we were unable to reach full agreement, I believe that some useful progress was made. Among other things, we were able to confirm that the European Community's research and development programme will continue with its present funding until we are able to reach a conclusion about its longer term future, in the context of the decisions which we take in December about the future financing of the Community. I hope that this will reassure you, in the light of our conversation at lunch.

The honour to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Margaret Thatcher

His Majesty King Baudouin, King of the Belgians.

DAS