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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 May 1988

Dear Monsieur Chirac,

I want you to know how much I understand and sympathise with your disappointment after last Sunday's election result. During your period as Prime Minister your policies of economic liberalisation have contributed not only to your own country's future prosperity but also to our common goal of a Single European Market. I have greatly valued our cooperation over many issues in the last two years and look forward to keeping in contact in the future.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Jacques Chirac

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