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THE PRIME MINISTER

PRIME MINISTER'S

3 December 1988

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Prime Minister,

I very much admired your tremendous resolve in chairing the Rhodes European Council, even though you are still recovering from your operation. It was a remarkable personal effort, which earned you the respect of all your colleagues. I think the meeting succeeded in carrying forward our work in several important areas and I am most grateful for your own great contribution to that, as well as your Ministerial colleagues who have chaired the various Councils during the Greek Presidency.

May I also thank you for your very kind hospitality in Rhodes and for the excellent arrangements made for us. The transformation of the castle was truly remarkable - and thank you also for the very fine model ship. I should be grateful if you would pass on my thanks to all those responsible for the arrangements.

I hope you will now take some rest and look after yourself.

With every good wish,

Warm regards

Yours sincerely

Raymond Walter

His Excellency Mr. Andreas Papandreou

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PAPANDREOU.

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER

I VERY MUCH ADMIRE YOUR TREMENDOUS RESOLVE IN CHAIRING THE RHODES EUROPEAN COUNCIL, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM YOUR OPERATION. IT WAS A REMARKABLE PERSONAL EFFORT, WHICH EARNED YOU THE RESPECT OF ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES. I THINK THE MEETING SUCCEEDED IN CARRYING FORWARD OUR WORK IN SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR OWN GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THAT, AS WELL AS YOUR MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE CHAIRED THE VARIOUS COUNCILS DURING THE GREEK PRESIDENCY.

MAY I ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY KIND HOSPITALITY IN RHODES AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR US. THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE CASTLE WAS TRULY REMARKABLE - AND THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE VERY FINE MODEL SHIP. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS ON MY THANKS TO ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS.

I HOPE YOU WILL NOW TAKE SOME REST AND LOOK AFTER YOURSELF.

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH,

WARM REGARDS

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MARGARET THATCHER

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From the Private Secretary

3 December 1988

Dear Resident Clerk,

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: RHODES

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letter to Mr. Papandreou. I should be grateful if the text could be telegraphed to Athens for delivery.

*Yours sincerely,
C.D. Powell*

(C.D. POWELL)

Resident Clerk,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.