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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Ambassador,

Thank you for arranging the excellent dinner last night. I very much welcomed the chance to meet so many of the leading figures of France's industrial and financial world. It was good of them to come over for a Sunday evening and much appreciated. I found the discussion very worthwhile, although there are clearly some differences of view on trade matters and the degree to which markets should be open.

I am sure this is a time when Britain and France should be drawing closer together. I hope last night's talk will have helped that process forward. I am grateful to you for providing the occasion - and please thank your wife very much indeed for arranging it so beautifully.

With every good wish to you both.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Vicomte Luc de La Barre de Nanteuil