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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 March, 1983

Dear Herr Chancellor

I write to congratulate you on a successful European Council which made such good progress on the Budget problem, enlargement and the Middle East, as well as on other matters.

I am particularly grateful for your help in securing agreement on the procedure for reaching a conclusion on the UK's budget problem in the interim period leading up to a long-term solution.

I recognise that difficult negotiations lie ahead - but I feel that, under the German Presidency, we are now back on a constructive course.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Herr Dr. Helmut Kohl

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From the Private Secretary

23 March, 1983

European Council

The Prime Minister has signed thank you letters to Chancellor Kohl and to the President of the European Commission. I enclose the signed versions and should be grateful if you would arrange for their immediate despatch.

I am copying this letter and its enclosures to John Kerr (Treasury) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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