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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 March 1984

Dear Sir Michael

Thank you very much indeed for once again providing me with such excellent advice and support during a European Council. The results will have been just as disappointing to you as to me but, as I told the House of Commons this afternoon, we must persevere. Please thank all the members of your staff who were involved in the arrangements for the Council - I was most grateful.

And would you also tell Lady Butler how much I enjoyed staying with you both, brief as the time was that I was actually able to spend at Henri Pirenne. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Michael Butler, K.C.M.G.