

PRIME MINISTER

National Gallery Visit

I attach a thank-you letter to Jacob Rothschild for signature, if you agree.

I have intentionally not made reference in the typescript to possible future loans: but Jacob Rothschild and Neil Macgregor are coming round tomorrow to have a look at the Pillared Room and you may like to add something by hand - such as "I look forward to hearing whether you will be able to help us with our refurnishing at No.10, particularly with some pictures for the Pillared Room which is being given a completely new look".

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Jean Jacob.

Thank you once more for another delightful and instructive evening at the National Gallery. Denis and I always enjoy ourselves so much on these occasions both for renewed contact with some familiar art treasures and for the opportunity to see new things - this time the splendid French paintings from Russia. We do congratulate you and the Director on this exhibition and are so grateful for the invitation to make a private visit.

It was, of course, an added pleasure to be entertained to supper with other old friends in the intimacy of the Board Room, all of which contributed to a most relaxed and enjoyable evening. Do please pass on my warmest thanks to Neil Macgregor and his staff for all that they did.

*Your sincerely
Margaret*

*P.S. I understand you are coming to
look at the Pilared Room tomorrow.*

The Honourable Jacob Rothschild