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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Ambassador

Thank you very much for your hospitality during my brief visit to Brussels and in particular for going to the trouble to arrange the dinner with Monsieur Martens and his colleagues. I get rather depressed about Europe's future when I listen to Leo Tindemans' federalist views: but I hope we managed to get across some points to the others. The speech in Bruges has certainly attracted attention. I hope it will start a serious debate after the first wave of trivial comment. There is a good piece in The Economist.

It was very kind of you and your wife to make us so comfortable and welcome, and cope with all the additional disruption of having the Private Office set up in your house.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Sir Peter Petrie, C.M.G.

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