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I am sorry that you had not had an earlier response to your letter of 6th April and hope you will forgive the discourtesy.

I fear that Margaret Thatcher really does not feel that it will be possible for her to be involved in the kind of occasion that you have in mind, simply because of all the other pressures on her diary with which she has to contend.

We agree, of course, about the importance, from the point of view of the Conservative Party as well as from the point of view of a prosperous enterprise like you own, of maintaining close and continuous links with the City and the City journalists. Certainly, as I explained, I find myself pretty frequently involved in occasions more or less along the lines that you have in mind; but, as I am sure you will appreciate, the Leader's time is subject to far more pressure from many more directions than my own and I hope you will understand the position.

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