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THE PRIME MINISTER

22 October 1980

Dear Mr. Baum,

Thank you for your letter of 10 October 1980 about Alan Walters.

I am very grateful to you for being ready to release him so that he can join my staff very early in the New Year.

I quite understand that you cannot give him leave of absence for two years, and it is very good of you to give a firm assurance that the Bank will make every effort to take him back when he is ready to return.

Thank you again for being so helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. W.C. Baum

LPO