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Dear Margaret:

Before leaving the White House, I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks for Her Majesty's message and for your own kind words.

For the past eight years, our partnership has strengthened the ability and the resolve of the Western alliance to defend itself and the cause of freedom everywhere. The world's improving prospects for peace and security are the ideas we cherish -- ideas you began planting in Britain a decade ago.

You have been an invaluable ally, but more than that, you are a great friend. It has been an honor to work with you since 1981.

Nancy joins me in sending you and Denis our very best wishes for continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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The Right Honorable
Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
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