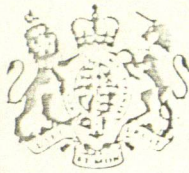


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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Herr Chancellor

I write to congratulate you on a successful European Council which made such good progress on the Budget problem, enlargement and the Middle East, as well as on other matters.

I am particularly grateful for your help in securing agreement on the procedure for reaching a conclusion on the UK's budget problem in the interim period leading up to a long-term solution.

I recognise that difficult negotiations lie ahead - but I feel that, under the German Presidency, we are now back on a constructive course.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Herr Dr. Helmut Kohl