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Dear Prime Minister,

May I tell you much
 my wife and myself we enjoyed your
 hospitality at Chequers on the happy occasion
 of Monsieur Barre's visit. The house is
 beautiful, and you have managed to respect its
 fine decor and at the same time give it the
 warm atmosphere of a family home - no mean
 feat! and we were also impressed by the elegance
 of the flower arrangements.

Monsieur Barre was very grateful

for the invitation and delighted with the conversation
he had with you - even if one's evaluation of
the world scene is not as optimistic as one would
like! Indeed, at the Ditchley meeting, and with
few dissenting opinions, the general forecast was
distinctly gloomy as to the chances of seeing unemploy-
ment receding away quickly.

For me, it was a privilege being able to talk
with you. The day after our lunch was the
79th "birthday" of the Entente Cordiale. Would
not it be nice if there were to be next year
some sort of celebration, in London and Paris, of
the 80th anniversary of the Entente!

May I thank you once again for such an
interesting conversation.

Yours sincerely,
E. S. Margerie