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Her Excellency
Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister of the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland
London

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Prime Minister,

I must thank you for your kind words of appreciation and for your personal best wishes which you conveyed to me at the end of the German Presidency and the conclusion of the European Council in Stuttgart. That we have achieved positive results in a difficult period is due to the readiness of all the Member States to compromise and thus bring national interests into accord with the Community interest.

I am also of the view that we must now concentrate all our efforts on fulfilling the Stuttgart brief by the time the European Council meets in Athens. In this connection, I consider it important that all the Member States should keep alive the readiness to compromise which they displayed in Stuttgart in order to work out the requisite solutions and thereby create a solid basis for the long-term development of the Community.

It will be particularly important to achieve improved delimitation of agricultural expenditure by means of material and concrete adjustment of the Common Agricultural Policy.

In addition, we shall have to consider whether this should be supplemented by general financial regulations. In accordance with the European Council mandate, we shall have to ensure that these questions are dealt with in a balanced manner and in parallel with the other subjects mentioned in the Stuttgart declaration, and that the overall context is preserved.

I, too, consider it useful and meaningful for officials from our countries to discuss these issues. I therefore welcome the fact that such a meeting is already scheduled to take place in Bonn on 21.7.1983.

With reference to your communication of ¹ 2 July 1983 concerning the budgetary settlement for 1985, I believe that the agreements reached in Stuttgart and the statements made on them orally by some delegations speak for themselves. My own view on the individual points, which is known to you, is expressed, inter alia, in my report on the Stuttgart European Council which I gave to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 30 June.

Best wishes
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