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THE PRIME MINISTER

PERSONAL

7 October 1983

Dear Michael.

As you retire from the posts of Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Labour Party, may I send you this personal note to say that I have greatly valued the frankness and confidence with which we have been able to conduct our personal business as Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. I will hope to work with your successor in a similar way.

No doubt we shall continue to have exchanges in the House of Commons from time to time but, as you lay down your responsibilities as leader, my husband joins me in sending you and your wife our best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Right Honourable Michael Foot MP