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Dear Prime Minister,

And I thank you very  
warmly for your beautiful hospitality at Downing  
Street: the whole French delegation to the Summit  
enjoyed it enormously. "Bread and Butter" letters are  
not a tradition in my country, so you will  
perhaps not be getting a specific expression of  
gratitude, but I would like you to know that  
the feeling is very much there with all.

Everyone on our side was impressed  
not only with the workmanlike atmosphere you  
so aptly described, but also by the ease and friendliness

which, on both sides, prevailed in the contacts at all levels. The old spirit of the Entente is now returning, and that is of considerable importance, — all the more so, I think, since we have these difficult problems yet to solve in the field of community affairs.

For me, who have been brought up (partly here) in the deep-seated conviction that Anglo-French ties are to the general good, it is a great encouragement in my task, just as I feel particularly happy at the very personal part taken in France by my President, in such a positive evolution.

Will you allow me a more frivolous note if I say how delighted your French guests were with the magnificent dinner and lunch (and what remarkable wines!), and also with the general atmosphere of refinement and beauty you have given to the reception rooms at N° 10, — it does make everything so much nicer!

Yours sincerely,

L. de Narbonne