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THE PRIME MINISTER

14 November, 1980

Dear Prime Minister,

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 224/80

Thank you for your message about the agenda for the European Council.

I am most grateful for your suggestions about the subjects we might discuss, with which I generally agree. There is plenty of ground to cover in what you have suggested and I do not wish to propose any further items. I fully agree with you that the meeting must cover economic as well as political questions and that there should be an opportunity to look at the current problems faced by certain of our industries.

I welcome your proposal to invite the outgoing President of the Commission, Roy Jenkins, to give a report to the European Council. This will provide an opportunity for the Heads of Government to consider the broad perspective of the Community's development and to indicate to the new Commission any aspects to which they attach particular importance. I agree that it would be appropriate for the new President of the Commission, whom we will be designating, to be there.

I can see no possible objection, and every advantage, in an invitation to the Greek Prime Minister to be present.

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I am very grateful for your suggestion that you might come to London to discuss the preparation of the European Council with me. I would welcome this, if you feel that you can spare the time at a very busy period - and subject of course to us being able to find a convenient date.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

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HE Monsieur Pierre Werner