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Dear Prime Minister

My wife and I thank you for the wonderful dinner you arranged in our honour. It was most generous of you, in the midst of your busy day, to make the time to host this dinner. Thank you also for the generous hospitality your Government afforded my party during our stay.

I was particularly touched by the superb staff work that arranged for many of my friends in the British Establishment to be present. They have influenced the course of my life. In part nostalgia, but in greater measure a desire to see Britain do well, I spoke more candidly than if Britain meant nothing to me.

The 74 days, from 2 April to 15 June, will leave more than a footnote in history. The reaction of the great mass of the people demonstrated beyond question that there is still that divine spark in the British people. Without that spark they would never have achieved so much in the last 300 years. You did not flinch from the dangers inherent in the Falklands expedition. I am confident you will not flinch from any unpleasantness that will be necessary to get the British people to move forward again.

*Yours Sincerely
Lehman*

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
London