

It is with the greatest regret and reluctance that I have had to cancel our visit to London on Friday, October 15th. I hope you will understand that my parliamentary situation simply does not allow me to be out of the country at the present time. We are a minority government, and our endeavours to establish the necessary parliamentary basis for the - rather harsh - economic measures, we propose, are proving even more difficult than we expected. At the moment of writing, the outcome is totally uncertain.

I am very sorry because I had looked very much forward to visiting you and talking to you and your colleagues. I regret it both in political and personal terms, but I hope it will be possible for me to come to England at another time.

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Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher Prime Minister of Great Britain London