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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Senor Suarez,

Thank you for your letter of 25 September.

I entirely agree that, with the accession of Spain and Portugal, the European Community should focus more closely on its relations with Latin America. I agree with you too that the Institute of European/Latin American Relations should provide a useful forum for informal and open discussion.

You mentioned procedural difficulties about the financing of the Institute. These are being pursued between the Commission and member states in Brussels. We have to scrutinise every request for funds very closely. But we shall certainly bear your comments in mind during further discussion of this subject in Brussels.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Senor Suarez.

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