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Dear Margaret,

Thank you so much for asking me to your very agreeable lunch for Prime Minister Sadik el Mahdi. The separate tables arrangement makes it much easier to have general conversation than the more formal long table sessions which are I suppose more traditional.

Prime Minister el Mahdi seemed in good form inspite of his recent bereavement. I have a high regard for him but, of course, there remains a deep animosity against the Egyptians, if not in his heart at least ^{among} in his followers.

I would have written sooner but left straight from your lunch for a short holiday in Northern Cyprus where I was the guest of a Turkish lawyer whom I have known for twenty five years or so.

Most of the week I spent in Cyprus was purely holiday and seeing old friends but I spent a whole day with Denktash - also a very old friend - and have written a summary of our talk to Geoffrey Howe, along with some observations of my own. I enclose a copy.

*Yours ever,
Julian.*

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The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, MP