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Prime Minister.

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Dear John.

I do not know whether Pertini has written to the Prime Minister to thank her for the lunch given in his honour, but you may like to know that he telephoned me yesterday to say how very much he had enjoyed his visit, and what great pleasure his visit to No. 10 in particular had given him. He asked me to convey his gratitude to the Prime Minister, and to remind her of the great respect he has for her. Hence this letter.

Pertini spoke with obvious sincerity and I believe from all I hear that he and the staff accompanying him were genuinely delighted with their visit. The description of the various events in the Italian press was extremely warm and they were well covered on television.

From my own observation point I would say that it is rare to enjoy a formal visit as much as I did this. I shall not quickly forget the atmosphere of allegria and good company created in the State Dining Room at No. 10 on that occasion. It seemed to me to be an excellent party, and the key to the other successful events which followed.

Yours ever  
Tom

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18 May 1984

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*Dear John*

I had a telephone call from President Pertini last weekend, who asked me to forward to the Prime Minister two pairs of shoes which had been specially made for her by the citizens of a town called Porto d'Ascoli in le Marche, which is a centre of shoe production. We believe that the citizens ascertained the Prime Minister's size beforehand: I certainly hope they fit.

Pertini has now sent round the shoes with the attached personal letter to the Prime Minister. It seemed to me that, in the circumstances, I could not fail to send them on, and I take the opportunity of a visit by the Chancellor of the Exchequer here this weekend for a G10 meeting, to send them to you.

*Yours ever  
Tom.*

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