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The Rt. Hon. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP,  
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So nice to  
be thanked!  
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13th July, 1984.

Dear Prime Minister,

This morning I heard from both our Rolls-Royce North American management and our advisers the final details of the new tax legislation affecting business use of cars in America.

There is no doubt that your personal intervention with President Reagan was crucial in achieving amendments to the draft proposals which would have been extremely damaging to our business.

All the employees in our car factories join me in saying how grateful we are for your support.

Yours sincerely,

David Plastow

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*Dear Andrew,*

US TAX TREATMENT OF IMPORTED CARS

Thank you for your letter of 28 June with which you sent a copy of the US response to our Aide Memoire which was given to White House officials during the London Summit last month.

2 The US Note confirms the reports which we have had from our Embassy in Washington about the compromise which was reached in Congress on changes in the tax treatment of passenger cars used for business purposes.

3 The outcome seems reasonably satisfactory. We no longer have any obvious grounds for criticism on the basis of discrimination against imported cars. Taken as a whole, the US provisions do not seem markedly out of line with those of the UK.

4 While the UK manufacturers who were most concerned about the original proposals, Jaguar and Rolls Royce, would naturally have preferred the status quo if this had been a real possibility, I understand that they are reasonably satisfied with this result. In the circumstances, we see no need for any further action.

5 I am copying this letter to David Peretz (HM Treasury) and Peter Ricketts (FCO).

*Yours ever  
Ruth*

RUTH THOMPSON  
Private Secretary

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