

Nagle



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

30th October 1984

My dear Mrs. Nagle

Thank you so much for your letter and for the brooch which you have sent me, both of which I shall treasure.

I was touched by what you wrote in your letter and by your kind words about me. Above all, I was deeply impressed by all that you have achieved in working for the rights of women in our society. You can take pride in some remarkable achievements, and I congratulate you.

It is so kind of you to send me the brooch, which I accept with great pleasure. It really is quite beautiful.

May I send you my belated congratulations on your 90th birthday? This is a splendid milestone and I hope that you had a very happy day.

I have always longed for a black opal and never thought I should have one as beautiful as yours. Thank you so much.

Mrs Florence Nagle

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Prime Minister

I was asked if I would give you the enclosed brooch. It belongs to a Mrs Florence Nagle, who is a great supporter of yours.

She has just had her 90th birthday, and is a fairly formidable lady! She fought for women's rights to the Jockey Club many years ago, as she mentions in the attached letter.

I have no idea what the brooch may be worth - although I believe that the opal is a very good one. In her own words, she "would rather give this to you now than wait until she dies to leave it to you in her will".

I also attach a letter of thanks.

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Dear Mrs Thatcher

I hope you will accept from me the enclosed brooch in grateful thanks for all you have done for the British people & in particular me. Eight years ago I was so fed up with the state of the country the slackness-wetness & lack of drive that I decided to emigrate to USA & came back because I saw the difference you were making with your courage & leadership & that my loved country could still be a Britain even if much smaller

I was born in 1894 & have lived through two great wars & we were lucky to have a great leader then in Sir Winston Churchill & we are lucky to have a great leader now you proved that in the Falklands when you were not afraid to take tough decisions. You have been unfairly sniped at over the Bolzano some people sound as if they would have preferred our

aircraft carrier to have been
sunk & put the whole task force
in danger.

I am not a woman's libber
& think the best person, man or
woman should do the job & I
am so delighted to see what
a first class job you have done
& proved & shown what a woman
can do & still have a heart & be
compassionate.

In my small way I have fought
for the rights of women & took
the Jockey Club to court & thanks
to the great common sense of
Lord Denning forced the Jockey
Club to grant trainers licences
& that led to them being able
to be jockeys also.

Last year a woman Jenny
Pitman trained the winner of
the Gold Cup Cheltenham & the Grand
National Liverpool the two top
National Hunt winners. I
followed that up by taking
the Kennel Club to a Tribunal
& making them admit women
as members of the Kennel Club
from which they had been

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excluded.

To revert to the brooch
it is a Black Opal & Opals.
we lucky to anyone born in
October, I was born in October
& it has been very lucky to me
& nobody deserves luck like
you do. I am coming to the
end of my life & I hope
you will honour me by
accepting, it would give
me such great pleasure.

I took it to Sotheby's
this morning & they say it is
a very good one & has wonderful
colours.

what a wonderful speech
after such a terrible experience
an example of perfect self control

The very best of luck to you
we can't afford to lose you
your great admirer

Florence Nagle

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