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Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to our telephone conversation earlier today, I would like to convey Mr Barnier's sincere thanks to Lord Mandelson.

As mentioned, Mr Barnier's agenda for Monday and Tuesday is extremely difficult, inasmuch as long-dated commitments had already been taken. In addition, Mr Barnier will have to attend the General Affairs Council meeting on Monday.

May we suggest that you contact us upon Lord Mandelson's next visit to Brussels, so that we can organize a meeting at that time?

Thank you for extending Mr Barnier's regrets to Lord Mandelson,  
With our best regards,

[REDACTED]  
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