Korrekturhinweise

Margaret Thatcher

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David Cameron says: "As our first woman prime minister, Margaret Thatcher succeeded against all the odds. And the real thing about Margaret Thatcher is that she didn't just lead our country. She saved our country." David Cameron therefore sees Mrs Thatcher as someone who rescued Britain.

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The speaker says: "Well, she's been ill for a long time, really started losing her health at the end of the 1990s. And she's been out of public view now for a very long period." For some time she had therefore lived a quiet life due to an illness which started long ago.

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The speaker says: "We talk about her legacy. I mean, here in the United States, <u>she's best-known for her very close partnership with Ronald Reagan</u> during the waning years of the Cold War." The Americans therefore remember her mainly for her friendly connection with a former U.S. president.

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Mrs Thatcher says: "I like Mr. Gorbachev. We can do business together. We both believe in our own political systems. He firmly believes in his. I firmly believe in mine. We're never going to change one another. So that is not in doubt." Just like Gorbachev, Thatcher was therefore convinced of her very own political views.

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Mrs Thatcher then adds: "And secondly, I think we both believe that they're the more likely to succeed if we can build up confidence in one another and trust in one another about each other's approach." Therefore, in her view, political talks go well if there is faith in your political partners.

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The speaker says: "I mean, she's credited with really spotting that Mikhail Gorbachev was a reformer, someone who the West - particularly the U.S. and Ronald Reagan - could work with." She therefore understood Mikhail Gorbachev's role as someone who would bring change.

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The speaker says: "And I think that role that she played in laying the ground, really, for the end of the Cold War alongside Ronald Reagan, that's going to be what her legacy is internationally." Together with Reagan she therefore tried hard to put a stop to an international conflict.

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The speaker says: "And it's interesting, you know, if you go to former Soviet republics, former parts of the Soviet Union that have got their independence now, <u>she's remembered very favourably</u>, often, by people there." Former countries of the Soviet Union therefore have a positive image of her.

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The speaker says: "There is actually consensus here that she was a huge and towering figure on the political stage: the first woman prime minister, of course, not only in Britain, but of a major Western power, and the longest-serving British prime minister of the 20th century." In Britain, many agree that she was therefore an important personality in politics.