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THE PRIME MINISTER

Liz Mulleney

Thank you for your letter of 21 August, and for your kind remarks. I too found the Lusaka meeting a most worthwhile experience, and a reminder of the Commonwealth ideals that we hold in common.

We must continue to work for a solution to the Rhodesia problem. The Conference now taking place in London provides the opportunity for all parties involved to come together and, I hope, to work together to achieve the peaceful settlement which we have all been seeking. I must add how welcome your support has been, and how necessary it will be for the support of our Commonwealth friends over this period.

When Sir Ian Gilmour met you on 1 September he told you that after our discussions in Lusaka we had considered various ways in which we could increase the amount of aid (£40 million) which was pledged at the Aid Consortium Meeting earlier this year. I was indeed glad that, as he then told you, we were able to find an additional £2.6 million in the current financial year. Our High Commissioner in Dacca will be taking up with your officials how best this can be applied to current needs.

I appreciated your kind invitation to visit Bangladesh and I hope it may prove possible to find a convenient time at which my husband and I could take up your offer.

Kind regards,

*Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher*

His Excellency Major-General Zia-ur. Rahman, B.U., P.S.C.

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