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Mr. Michael Alexander
Private Secretary (Overseas)
Prime Minister's Office
10 Downing Street
London SW1

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Further to our telephone conversation of this morning, there follows the text of today's message from President Carter to the Prime Minister concerning agreement to free the hostages in Iran.

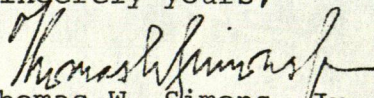
BEGIN TEXT

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I am asking Ambassador Brewster to brief your Government in detail on the arrangements we have reached with Iran. We have achieved the two objectives we set for ourselves at the beginning of the crisis: the preservation of our national honor and interests and the safe release of our people.

I know that you and the British people will rejoice with me, the families of the hostages and the American people in this day that we have so long awaited. No threat to the structure of international relations, no dispute between nations in recent years has been so complex and difficult to resolve as the hostage crisis. You and your Government have our profound thanks for your support and assistance. Signed Jimmy Carter. END TEXT

Sincerely yours,


Thomas W. Simons, Jr.
Counsellor for Political
Affairs

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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