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FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER, WHITE HOUSE FROM
PRIME MINISTER THATCHER. UNCLASSIFIED. 16 JULY 1979.
BEGINS:-

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF 15 JULY GIVING ME
ADVANCE NOTICE OF YOUR STATEMENT ON US ENERGY POLICY.

IF I MAY SAY SO, I FIND THE SCALE OF THE PROGRAMME, WITH ITS
IMMEDIATE COMMITMENT TO REDUCING US OIL IMPORTS FOR 1979 AND 1980
TO BELOW THE TOKYO LEVELS AND ITS LONGER TERM OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING
US IMPORTS BY 4.5 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY BY 1990, IMPRESSIVE,
AND COURAGEOUS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO WHEN ACCOUNT IS TAKEN OF
YOUR EARLIER DECISION ANNOUNCED IN APRIL TO MOVE TOWARDS DECONTROL
OF DOMESTIC OIL PRICES BY SEPTEMBER 1984. I SHALL CERTAINLY BE
TAKING AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS PUBLICLY MY ADMIRATION
FOR YOUR EFFORTS, WHICH SHOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE OIL
SUPPLY PROBLEMS WHICH WE FACE, BOTH NOW AND IN THE YEARS TO COME.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE FOLLOW-UP TO TOKYO, I AGREE WITH YOU
THAT A MEETING OF ENERGY MINISTERS TO REVIEW THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
THE GOALS WE SET OURSELVES COULD USEFULLY BE ARRANGED. I ALSO
AGREE THAT THE ENERGY MINISTERS SHOULD DISCUSS THE TIMING AND
ROLE OF THE MEETING IN RELATION TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE EEC
AND THE IEA.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**
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