

**PRIME MINISTER'S
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HESS: APPEAL FOR RELEASE

1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT HESS (TEXT SENT TO FOWLER BY BAG). PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE CHANCELLOR.

2. BEGINS: DEAR HELMUT,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT LETTER ABOUT RUDOLF HESS. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT HE SHOULD STILL BE IN PRISON AT A TIME WHEN HIS HEALTH IS FAILING. AS YOU KNOW, SUCCESSIVE BRITISH GOVERNMENTS HAVE APPEALED TO THE RUSSIANS TO AGREE TO HIS RELEASE. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO THIS END. WE SHALL ALSO DO ALL WE CAN TO ENSURE THAT, IN THE EVENT OF RUDOLF HESS'S DEATH IN PRISON, HE IS ACCORDED A PROPER FUNERAL. WITH BEST WISHES, MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS

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