

PRIME MINISTER'S  
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BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MARGARET:

IRAN'S SEIZURE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, ITS HOLDING OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AS HOSTAGES AND ITS ATTACK ON THE WESTERN WORLD--PARTICULARLY THE UNITED STATES--HAS CREATED A SITUATION WHICH IS INTOLERABLE. IT IS INTOLERABLE, NOT FOR THE U.S. ALONE, BUT, BECAUSE OF ITS LONGER RUN IMPLICATIONS, FOR ALL CIVILIZED COUNTRIES.

I AM SENDING ROBERT CARSWELL, DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, AND GEORGE VEST, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT IRAN AND TO INDICATE HOW I THINK YOU CAN BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN THE FINANCIAL FIELD. I HOPE YOU WILL ENCOURAGE YOUR MINISTERS TO RECEIVE THEM PROMPTLY, EVEN THOUGH THEY COME ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. MUCH IS AT STAKE FOR ALL OF US.

CY VANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER MORE FULLY WITH YOU NEXT WEEK. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.  
END TEXT.