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Prime Minister

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, PM
10 Downing Street
London SW1, England

Dear Mrs. Thatcher:

My colleagues in Congress and I were deeply impressed by your visit to Capitol Hill. Indeed, your entire trip to the United States was a great success. We are fortunate to have such good and dependable friends, and I wish you well in the challenges you face.

I particularly want to commend you for the leading role your government is playing in bringing the Palestinians into the peace process. In recent years I have twice met with Yasser Arafat. While urging a course of restraint upon PLO military operations, I have tried to encourage the U.S. government to open talks with PLO officials to explore all avenues that might lead to peace. I was so pleased to see the report that Lord Carrington will soon meet officially with Mr. Arafat in pursuit of this same goal. I know firsthand that such meetings can raise an enormous outcry from friends and foes alike, and that makes me admire your government's courage all the more.

Once again, the British lead the way for all the western world.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Findley
Representative in Congress