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THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

Bonn, 9th May, 1979

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Mrs. Prime Minister,

On 12 May 1979, we Germans commemorate the 30th anniversary of the end of the Berlin blockade.

For almost a whole year supplies were flown into Berlin in a unique operation by our British, American and French friends. 30 years ago the people of Berlin experienced the value of atlantic solidarity.

The gratitude of the Berliners and indeed of all Germans for the generous and vital assistance of our British friends remains undiminished after 30 years. In particular we remember those British airmen who gave their lives during their mission.

On the 30th anniversary of the end of the Berlin blockade I should like to thank the British people once more for their outstanding assistance.

Yours faithfully,

sd. Helmut Schmidt

Her Excellency

The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP

Her Majesty's Prime Minister and
First Lord of the Treasury

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