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PRIME MINISTER'S
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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 October 1982

Dear Mr. President.

My colleagues and I would be most honoured if you could agree to accept this invitation to pay a visit to the United Kingdom in the spring or summer of 1983, as a guest of the British Government.

If you are able to come and if Her Majesty The Queen is in London at the time, I have no doubt that Her Majesty would be delighted to receive you. I myself should very much like to have official talks with you and whichever Ministerial colleagues might accompany you, and benefit from your vast experience of African affairs; and also to entertain you at No. 10 Downing Street. The Lord Mayor of London would no doubt be most honoured to meet you; and we could also arrange other meetings, calls and visits by mutual agreement.

Before we take the planning any further, I thought that I should extend this invitation in order to ascertain whether you might be able to visit us next year. If you are able to accept, we could explore mutually convenient dates through our Ambassadors in Abidjan and London. I much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Felix Houphouet-Boigny, G.C.M.G.