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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MARGARET THATCHER
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
LONDON

MADAME PRIME MINISTER,

WE THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR THE INVITATION WHICH
YOU SO KINDLY SEND US TO COME TO YOUR COUNTRY ON A WORKING
VISIT.

WE CONSIDER THAT ON ACCOUNT OF YOUR PERSONALITY,
YOUR PERSPICACITY, AS WELL AS YOUR CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS OF
STATE, OUR DELIBERATIONS COULD ONLY BE OF GREAT VALUE FOR
BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.

WE WERE THEREFORE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE OCCASION YOU
OFFERED US TO EXAMINE TOGETHER A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS OF THE
UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR THE STABILITY OF WORLD PEACE.

SINCE THEN, THE CONFLICT OF YOUR COUNTRY WITH ARGENTINE
HAS ARISEN. WE CAN IMAGINE, AND WE UNDERSTAND, THE
CONSIDERABLE BURDEN WHICH THIS CONFLICT IMPOSES ON YOU.

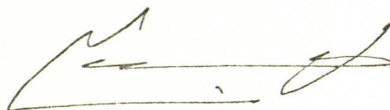
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WE CAN ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS LEAVES YOU LITTLE TIME TO DEAL WITH MATTERS WHICH ARE, TEMPORARILY, OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE.

IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WE FEEL IT IS ONLY SUITABLE TO POSTPONE OUR VISIT TO GREAT BRITAIN TO A DATE WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF OUR MEETING ; WHEN WE MAY HAVE DISCUSSIONS AS USEFUL AND FRUITFUL AS POSSIBLE ON ALL THE SUBJECTS WHICH CONCERN US BOTH.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL KINDLY EXPLAIN TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN THE REASONS WE HAVE HERE ADVANCED, AND WHICH ARE, TO OUR GREAT REGRET, RESPONSABLE FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF OUR VISIT.

AWARE IN ADVANCE THAT YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE MOTIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR DECISION, AND REGRETFUL OF BEING UNABLE TO PROFIT FROM THE OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING YOU, WE PRAY YOU TO ACCEPT, MADAME PRIME MINISTER, OUR MOST SINCERE BEST WISHES.



HASSAN II
KING OF MOROCCO

17TH. MAY 1982
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