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OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Belmopan,  
Cayo District, Belize  
Central America.

6 July 1979

Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Great Britain  
No. 10 Downing Street  
London, ENGLAND

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Dear Madam Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Belize Government I write to express our sympathy for the plight of the refugees in Hong Kong, and as positive evidence of this sympathy, I wish to say that the Belize Government is willing to accept a limited number of these refugees.

In order to protect the interest of our Belizean people, the Government would accept these people on the basis that they do not become a burden and impose any hardships on our own people.

A necessary condition will be to ensure that the funds provided for the settlement of these refugees, as provided by the agencies who are assisting in this exercise, are sufficient to settle the refugees with due provision being made for their maintenance and social welfare, i.e. health, education and welfare of the refugees.

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I hope that my Government's offer is given serious consideration and enough notice is given so that arrangements can be made for smooth settlement of the refugees.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Price". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

(GEORGE PRICE)  
Premier