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ANNIVERSARY OF TUVALU INDEPENDENCE ON 1 OCT 1979

1. Please pass following to the Rt Hon Toalipi Lauti on occasion of anniversary of first independence:

Begins:

"Dear Prime Minister

On behalf of the British Government I send my congratulations and best wishes to you and your colleagues in the Government of Tuvalu on the happy occasion of the first anniversary of Independence.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher."

Ends.

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