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THE PRIME MINISTER

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My dear Secretary - General

It was with great pleasure and encouragement that I received your kind letter of 4 May.

I welcome your reference to the Government's commitment to the Commonwealth, since I regard our participation in this unique association as one of the pillars of our foreign policy. I have followed the development of the Commonwealth with interest, and know how much you have contributed to it since assuming office.

I am greatly looking forward to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Lusaka, which will provide a welcome opportunity to meet many of my Commonwealth colleagues for the first time. I am sure that it will prove again the value of the Commonwealth and its relevance to international affairs. Meanwhile I hope we shall have an opportunity to meet before too long, when I shall look forward to hearing your views on the meeting, as well as on Commonwealth affairs in general.

With warm good wishes to you and your colleagues in the Secretariat.

*Yours sincerely,
Margaret Thatcher*

His Excellency Mr. Shridath Ramphal, Kt., C.M.G., Q.C.

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