



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Prime minister

Dear Willie,

Mr Mark Thatcher

MT Wh 3/9

In paragraph 2 of my letter of 9 March to John Coles, I referred to the 'final sum due' to be met by the Prime Minister in respect of the rescue of her son.

A month after that letter was sent, two more bills were received by our Embassy in Algiers. They were for landing charges incurred by the aircraft bringing Mr Denis Thatcher from the United Kingdom and amount to a sterling equivalent of £15.16. The delay in submitting them to you was caused by the Embassy accountant charging them to a suspense account which has only now been audited.

In the light of the Prime Minister's wish that no charge should be made to public funds, we assume that she would wish to meet this bill herself. If so, perhaps you could let me have a cheque for £15.16, made payable to the 'Foreign and Commonwealth Office'. I am sorry that we have to trouble the Prime Minister again so long after the event.

Yours ever

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