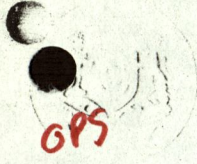


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PERSONAL MESSAGE Prime Minister

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Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister

SM
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Thank you for taking time off from your busy schedule to give me lunch on Wednesday, 20 June.

cc FW

Your position on Zimbabwe-Rhodesia has been consistent and clear cut before and after the elections both in Britain and in Rhodesia. It may be helpful, however, if you will keep in mind the fact that not all Commonwealth Head of Governments share my political outlook, nor my penchant for direct and brisk exposition. Quite a few prefer unpalatable views to be blandly presented.

SM
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- P. O.

I found the discussion before lunch most useful. Britain has a decisive Prime Minister who knows what she wants for her country. The one obstacle her political strength cannot overcome is a recession in most industrialised countries, a spectre not to be ruled out after the Opec oil increases announced yesterday.

I respect your resolution in implementing your basic policies and going on with a courageous budget despite the adverse domestic economic circumstances you found you had inherited. You have wrought reforms on Personal Income Tax long overdue. You deserve to succeed.

I wish you success.

Yours Sincerely
Lehman.

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher
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