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Mrs. Margaret Thatcher,
The Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.1.

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE**
SERIAL No. T 66 A / 82.

Dear Mrs. Thatcher,

The International Development Agency of the World Bank is of major importance to the poorest Developing countries, which cannot even undertake the interest commitments involved in normal World Bank Loans. I.D.A. Credits enable countries like mine to make at least some minimal advance in establishing the kind of infrastructures which are a necessary preliminary to any productive investment. The U.S.A. decision, to cut from \$3.24 billion to \$2.145 billion the amount of money it will make available over the three year period of I.D.A.6, is thus a very serious blow to the struggle against world poverty.

It is for this reason that I wish to express my appreciation of your Government's decision to waiver the pro-rata aspects of the I.D.A.6 agreement, and to adhere to the money contribution agreed to by Britain at the end of the original negotiations.

At the same time I ask that the British Government should use its influence within E.E.C., and with other allies and friends, so that all other countries adhere to the original agreement regarding the amount of money made available to I.D.A. A number of states have already agreed to do that, but some have not yet made a decision. Britain's example and encouragement could be helpful in persuading them to do so in a manner which does not mock the concern about world poverty expressed at Cancun and elsewhere.

I use this opportunity to send my personal greetings to you - and also to convey my sympathy for you on having to grapple with the political and personal ramifications of the Argentinian military occupation of the Falkland Islands.

Yours sincerely,

Julius K. Gyau