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FM PRESIDENT CARTER
TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER
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OCTOBER 15, 1980

DEAR MARGARET:

IN THE COURSE OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT ZIA OF PAKISTAN RAISED WITH ME THE VERY SENSITIVE QUESTION OF EXTERNAL AID TO THE AFGHAN NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. HE URGED ME TO REGISTER WITH YOU THE POINT THAT MORE EXTERNAL AID IS NEEDED AND THAT PRESIDENT ZIA WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO AN INITIATIVE IN THAT DIRECTION FROM GREAT BRITAIN. SINCE YOU AND I HAVE IN THE PAST DISCUSSED THIS MATTER AND SINCE, AS YOU KNOW FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS, THE UNITED STATES HAS NOT BEEN INDIFFERENT TO THE FATE OF THE AFGHAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS, I THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO ~~PASS THIS MESSAGE~~ TO YOU. PRESIDENT ZIA EXPRESSLY ASKED THAT A POSITIVE EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FROM YOU IN THIS REGARD BE CHANNLED TO HIM VERY DIRECTLY, AND HE STRESSED THE VERY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THIS MATTER.

I AM ASKING THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH HIS APPROPRIATE COUNTERPART IN BRITAIN TO PURSUE THIS MATTER ON A MORE ACTIVE AND TANGIBLE BASIS, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO YOUR POLITICAL DECISION.

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SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER

THE RIGHT HONORABLE
MARGARET R. THATCHER, M.P.,
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