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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE 10 DOWNING STREET

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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My dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 14 June. I was glad to see that your Government fully supports our proposal for a special conference about refugees. I hope your Government's views will be made widely known, particularly as you bear a particularly heavy burden in caring for so many thousands of refugees. Thailand has had much world sympathy for its difficulties.

We are seeking to put maximum pressure on Vietnam to stem the flow of refugees, and are also trying to arouse world consciences so that asylum can be found for the thousands of people who have already been made homeless. We want the conference to have wide membership, so that we can encourage as many members as possible of the international community to live up to their responsibilities. I look forward to increasingly close co-operation between our two countries on this problem which now affects so many countries.

I should like to assure Your Excellency of the importance which my Government attaches not only to the maintenance of friendly relations between our two countries but also to the development of ASEAN as a force for stability in South-East Asia.

Yours sincerely
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General Kriangsak Chomanan

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