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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Plan The President.

I am delighted to learn that the 52 members of your

Embassy held hostage in Tehran for over a year have at

last been set free. Their safe release is a tribute

to your skill and tenacity in handling an agonising problem.

We congratulate you, and rejoice with you and the American people. Our hearts go out to the hostages and their families, whose long ordeal, so courageously borne, is now over.

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The President of the United States of America