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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE**

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COMPARATIVE BASIS.

I INVITE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY SO THAT THE REALITY OF OUR CONCERN WILL BE DEMONSTRATED AND SO THAT THERE IS IN BEING AN INTERNATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT COMMENSURATE WITH THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEMS IN THE LEBANON.  
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*Subject  
Lebanon  
Situation  
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2. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO MR FRASER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:

BEGINS:

DEAR MALCOLM

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT LEBANON. I AGREE WITH YOU THAT A MASSIVE EFFORT OF RECONSTRUCTION WILL BE NEEDED IN LEBANON AND THAT THIS WILL BE A VITAL ELEMENT IN HELPING THE COUNTRY TO REGAIN PEACE AND STABILITY. I WAS HEARTENED TO HEAR OF YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION. WE HAVE ALREADY MADE A SUBSTANTIAL RESPONSE TO LEBANON'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS, BOTH BILATERALLY AND THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AMOUNTING IN ALL TO NEARLY POUNDS 2 AND 1/2 MILLION.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE WORLD BANK MAY BE ASKED TO PLAY A COORDINATING ROLE IN MOBILISING AID FOR RECONSTRUCTION IN LEBANON. WE ARE CONSIDERING BOTH HERE AND WITH OUR PARTNERS WHAT FURTHER FUNDS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THAT UNHAPPY COUNTRY.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

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