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**PRIME MINISTER'S
 PERSONAL MESSAGE**
 SERIAL No. T 86/82

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 10 YOUR TELNO 265: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER
 11 1. Please seek an early personal interview to deliver
 12 following message to President Shagari:
 13 "Dear Mr President
 14 I was most grateful to receive your reply to my appeal for
 15 support over the Falkland Islands issue. It is good, in
 16 times like these, to be able to count one's friends. At this
 17 moment, we still cannot see how things will go: but you may
 18 rest assured that we shall continue to do our utmost to arrive
 19 at a negotiated solution consistent with our principles and
 20 in particular the wishes of the islanders themselves, the
 21 very point which Nigeria's statement on the Falkland Islands
 22 issue so correctly stresses.
 23 "I should not like you to think that we are aware only of our
 24 own problems. We are extremely conscious of the difficulties
 25 which the weaknesses in oil prices has caused Nigeria.

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 2 Indeed, we too have suffered a loss of Government revenue
 3 as a result of the weakening of world demand for oil. The
 4 British Government has absolutely no interest in de-stabilisa-
 5 tion of the oil market. As you correctly stated in your
 6 historic statement on the special joint session of the
 7 Nigerian National Assembly on 19 April, 'the nations of the
 8 world, big or small, rich or poor, are all mutually inter-
 9 dependent and our interests are complementary'. We have
 10 noted with interest the economic programme which you announced
 11 on that occasion and I send you my very best wishes for its
 12 success.
 13 "Yours sincerely,
 14 Margaret Thatcher."
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