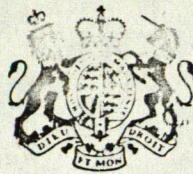


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THE PRIME MINISTER

20 January, 1981.

*Dear Mr. President,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T8/81**

I should like to send you my warm thanks for the close friendship and co-operation, mirroring the relations between our two countries, which we have enjoyed during your term of office. I have admired your courage in tackling the formidable problems which have confronted the United States and the Free World - notably in regard to the hostage issue, the successful resolution of which is bringing your Presidency to such a splendid conclusion.

On a more personal note, I should like to say how much I appreciated your hospitality in Washington in 1979. My colleagues join me in sending you our very best wishes for the future.

*Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher*

The President of the United States of America