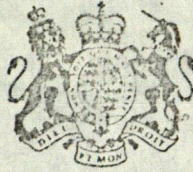


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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Prime Minister

Thank you for your message of 18 April. I greatly value your desire to co-operate with the European countries over the measures that can best be taken in support of the United States against Iran. It is of the greatest importance that any measures that are now taken have the widest support possible if they are to have the right effect.

I am particularly pleased that our two Governments have been able to keep so closely in touch over this issue in recent months. Peter Carrington and Ian Gilmour much appreciated the opportunity to discuss these and other issues with Dr. Okita on 20 May.

As you know, the Foreign Ministers of the European Community countries have now announced a series of measures to be taken in respect of Iran. I was much encouraged by Japan's decision to associate herself with this stance and take similar measures. We must continue to keep in close touch. We are sending instructions to our Embassy in Tokyo to keep in the closest possible contact with the Japanese authorities on this, and I hope that here in London we can enjoy similar contact with the Japanese Embassy.

I understand that in forthcoming weeks you will be facing elections on 22 June but that you will still be going to Venice for the Summit. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Mr. Masayoshi Ohira.

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