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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 May,1982

Vear Promi Minster,

Thank you for your letter of 16 February, drawing attention to the United Nations decision to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

I agree that the provision of shelter for the needy is one of the world's important problems. Your letter is a timely reminder of your valuable initiative in urging the international community to pay greater attention to this issue. We shall look carefully at the comments and recommendations that emerge in the United Nations for measures and activities to be undertaken in relation to the Year.

I am afraid that I cannot guarantee that we shall be able to make a financial contribution but we shall certainly be glad to consider carefully how we in the United Kingdom could most appropriately mark the Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

The Honourable R. Premadasa, M.P.

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