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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of 22 October, in reply to mine of 14 October, about landing rights for Sierra Leone Airlines in the United Kingdom.

I have taken careful note of what you say; but must express once more my disappointment that you have not felt able to respond positively to the compromise formula put forward by the British negotiators in early September. Nevertheless, I understand that at a meeting in London on 22 October, Dr. Jackson, your Minister of Transport and Communications, said that on his return to Freetown he would brief you about this discussion and would consult with you and with your Minister of Finance to determine how best to respond. I hope that this response will be received soon so that agreement can be reached and the new service, which we would all welcome, commence in the near future.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Dr. Siaka Stevens, G.C.M.G., G.C.R.L., D.S.L.

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