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GENEVA CONFERENCE ON REFUGEES

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL:

BEGINS

'DEAR SECRETARY-GENERAL,

THE PRIME MINISTER AND I ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE SPEEDY AND EFFECTIVE WAY IN WHICH YOU RESPONDED TO OUR PROPOSAL THAT A U N CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. I RECOGNISE HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO TURN AN INITIATIVE OF THIS KIND INTO PRACTICAL ACTION AND I HOPE YOU WILL NOT MIND MY SAYING HOW MUCH WE ADMIRERD THE WAY IN WHICH YOU BROUGHT OUR IDEA TO REALITY. I HAVE HEARD WITH MUCH APPRECIATION OF THE EFFECTIVE WAY IN WHICH YOU CHAIRED THE MEETING AND SUMMED UP ITS CONCLUSIONS. I SHOULD LIKE TO THANK, THROUGH YOU, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR ALL THE VALUABLE PREPARATORY WORK WHICH HE DID.

WE SHALL BE WATCHING CAREFULLY VIETNAM'S BEHAVIOUR IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONFERENCE, AND WE SHALL JUDGE THEM BY THE WAY IN WHICH THEY COMPLY WITH THEIR UNDERTAKING. I AM GLAD THAT YOU WILL BE REPORTING TO THE U N GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE AUTUMN ON THE POSITION. I RECOGNISE THE NEED FOR CONTINUING AND EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP AND YOU CAN RELY ON OUR CO-OPERATION IN THIS.

I REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA AND IN PARTICULAR THE CONTINUED FIGHTING AND FAMINE IN CAMBODIA. THESE POSE A PARTICULAR THREAT TO THAILAND. I WOULD LIKE TO

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KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU ABOUT THIS SITUATION AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON THE ROLE WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS MIGHT PLAY IN FINDING A LONG-TERM SETTLEMENT TO THE PROBLEMS OF CAMBODIA.

I WAS VERY GLAD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF TALKING TO YOU IN LONDON ON 12 JULY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN NEW YORK IN SEPTEMBER.

YOURS SINCERELY  
PETER CARRINGTON''

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