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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. TIA/83

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 11 December about your Government's plans to use British equipment for the development of the Congo's railways in the framework of the current Five-Year Plan.

We shall look into the questions you raise about financing and a reply on these points will be sent through our Ambassador as soon as possible. Meanwhile, I agree with you that the strengthening of the relations between our two countries during the last year has been encouraging. We are impressed by the success of your Government in speeding up the development of the Congo. British industry would be glad to be associated with this process, and has much experience to offer.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Colonel Louis Sylvain-Goma