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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Your Highness,

I was very pleased to hear last month of the signature by Your Highness of the contract with British Aerospace for the supply of Hawk Trainer aircraft to the United Arab Emirates' Air Force. This contract marks an important step in the development of military co-operation between our two countries. British Aerospace have the full support of the British Ministry of Defence in their task of building and delivering the aircraft you have ordered. We shall also be ready to supply your Air Force with the ground attack version of the Hawk should you decide to go ahead with that order.

I should like to reaffirm to Your Highness the wish of the British Government to extend our co-operation with you in the defence field and to provide you with assistance in the important areas of training and support. I am encouraged that there are several other military projects currently under discussion between us.

I hope that I shall have the opportunity of seeing you again in the not too distant future. I send Your Highness my best wishes.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Highness Lieutenant General Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahayan