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THE PRIME MINISTER

23 February 1983

Mr D. Owen

Thank you for writing to me on 14 February about the control of Thor missiles when they were based in this country.

I must say that there is no confirmation from immediately available sources of the alleged events which you have reported in your letter, and it will therefore be necessary to undertake a detailed investigation of the whole matter. In view of the passage of time since the alleged events are supposed to have taken place, it may take a little time to complete our enquiries.

I will of course write to you again just as soon as we have completed our enquiries; but I thought you should know that these might take a little while.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

The Right Honourable Dr. David Owen, M.P.