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I attach a message from the Prime Minister
to all Conservative Candidates.

I would be most grateful if you could
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This is a landmark Election, more crucial for our country than any this century.

We Conservatives fight on two fronts.

Labour's lurch to the Left has produced the most extreme Socialist policy ever put before the British people. It is a policy for total disruption at home and abroad which, if put into effect, would reverse and destroy everything we have accomplished in the past four years. It must and, I believe will, be resoundingly rejected by the nation.

The SDP/Liberal Alliance - "a thing of shreds and patches, of ballads, songs and snatches, and dreamy lullaby" - must also be strenuously opposed, for if the electorate were sufficiently beguiled by it, the result could be to let Labour in - as the Liberals have done more than once in the political past.

We have begun our Conservative Campaign from a strong position. It is good to be quietly confident. But only if we take nothing for granted shall we be granted victory. It is a victory that must be won. We are the real Party of hope, just as we are the true Party of peace.

Let us fight, then, as we have never fought, knowing that we fight for the tried and solid virtues for which our country and Party have stood for so long and that are threatened as never before.

Despite the world-wide recession, this Conservative Government has a proud record of achievement. Let us go out and put that record to the people.

Much has been done. There remains much to do. As Winston almost said: "Give us the votes and we'll finish the job".

I look forward to seeing you at Westminster early in June. Meanwhile, let us be cool, calm - and elected.

Margaret Thatcher

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