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M I P T : PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRINCE FAHD.

1. TEXT OF REPLY IS AS FOLLOWS:

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"HER EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE MRS MARGARET THATCHER  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

GREETINGS, I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER  
IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THE SITUATION  
PREVAILING AT PRESENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY  
AFTER THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD IN FEZ IN  
THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

I THANK YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THE GOOD SENTIMENTS YOU  
EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER. I THEY ARE GOOD, NOBLE SENTIMENTS  
AND I APPRECIATE THE PERCEPTION YOU HAVE SHOWN IN YOUR  
FEELINGS FOR THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE ARE ALL TRYING TO SOLVE  
TOGETHER.

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT AWARENESS OF THE DEPTH AND  
EXTENT OF THE PROBLEM MAKES EVERYONE WHO IS CONSCIOUS  
OF IT, REALISE JUST HOW DIFFICULT IT IS, AND STRIVE TO  
COMPREHEND HOW PAINFUL IT IS. BUT DIFFERENCES IN  
POINTS OF VIEW HAVE SOMETIMES COMPELLED US TO START TO  
RECONCILE WIDELY SEPARATE POINTS OF VIEW IN ORDER TO  
ARRIVE AT A MEETING POINT FROM WHICH WE CAN START TO  
SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS AIMED AT FIRST REDUCING DIFFICULTIES  
AND THEN AT TRYING TO OVERCOME THEM.

I AM SURE THAT YOU, LIKE ME, ARE AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTY  
OF ARRIVING AT THIS MEETING POINT. IF WE ALL WORK CLOSELY  
AND SINCERELY TOGETHER WE WILL SURELY GET THERE.

I HAVE SENSED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S FRIENDLY WISH TO EXCHANGE  
VIEWS IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THOSE PROBLEMS AND HELP TO  
SOLVE THEM. I WAS PLEASED BY THE POSITION OF THE TEN,  
WHICH NO DOUBT RESULTED FROM YOUR EFFORTS. PERHAPS YOU  
YOURSELF WILL HAVE NOTED HOW ARROGANT AND OBSTINATE ISRAEL  
HAS BEEN IN EMBARKING ON THE ANNEXATION OF THE GOLAN  
WITHOUT ANY REGARD OR RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS  
OR COVENANTS. THIS SORT OF IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION MAKES THE  
WORK OF SINCERE PEOPLE DIFFICULT AND NECESSITATES MUCH  
EFFORT FROM FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

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I HOPE THAT THESE GOOD EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE WITH THE  
START OF THE NEW YEAR IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MAY FEEL  
CONFIDENCE AND TRANQUILITY AND THAT THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING  
FOR THE RESTORATION OF THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AND THEIR  
RIGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR INDEPENDENT STATE ON THEIR  
TERRITORY MAY HAVE A HAPPY AND DECENT LIFE.

WISHING YOUR EXCELLENCY ABUNDANT HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.  
MY SINCERE GREETINGS AND ESTEEM TO YOU.

FAHD BIN ABDUL AZIZ AL SAUD

RIYADH, 18 RABI' I 1402 AH

CORRESPONDING TO 13 JANUARY 1982 AD.''

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